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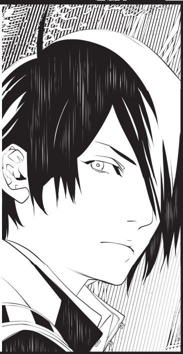
MAIN CHARACTERS

Koyomi Araragi



A boy who was attacked by a vampire. His vampiric powers grow stronger when he lets Shinobu suck his blood.

Suruga Kanbaru

The star and captain of the basketball team, as well as the biggest celebrity on campus. She fell in love with Hitagi, became envious of Koyomi, and made a wish to a “monkey.”

Hitagi Senjogahara

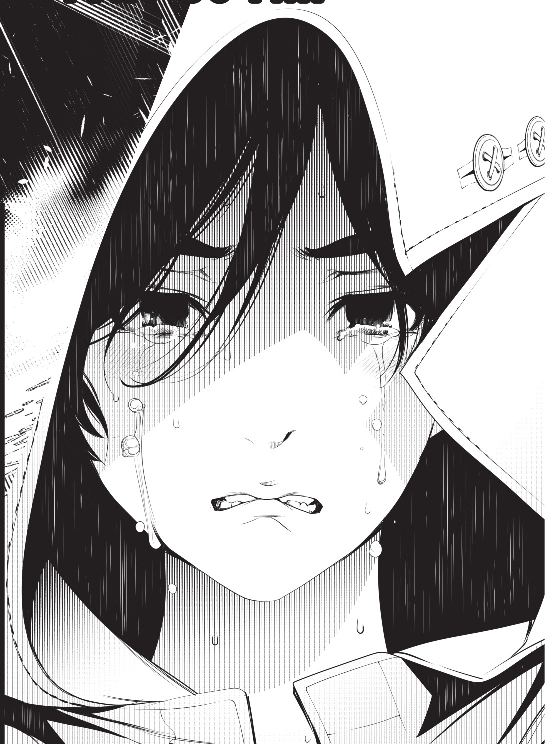
A girl whose weight was once stolen by a “crab.” Though they were in different athletic clubs, she and Suruga had a junior-senior relationship in middle school.

Mèmè Oshino

An expert on aberrations who Koyomi relies on whenever he has a problem. He makes the ruins of a former cram school his home.

THE STORY SO FAR

Suruga Kanbaru is a girl whose regret and jealousy drove her to make a wish to a Monkey's Paw, and it turns out that she was the mysterious, raincoat-wearing figure that suddenly attacked Koyomi Araragi. After revealing herself and her feelings, Koyomi empathizes with Suruga and frantically tries to save her. Words of advice from Mèmè Oshino make Koyomi believe that there is a clear path towards resolving Suruga's situation, but before long, he is confronted by his own naiveté and a critical difference between himself and Suruga...



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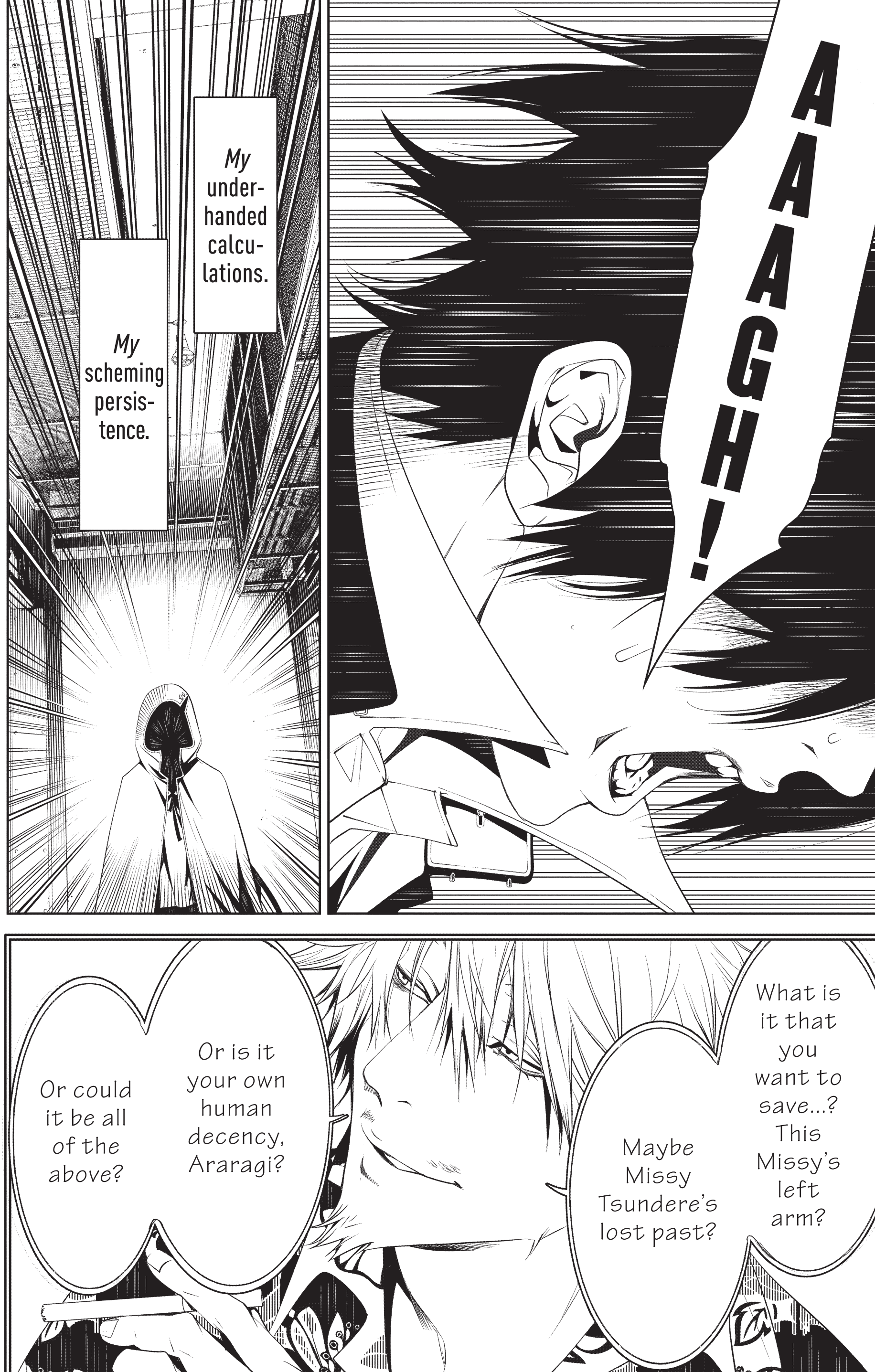
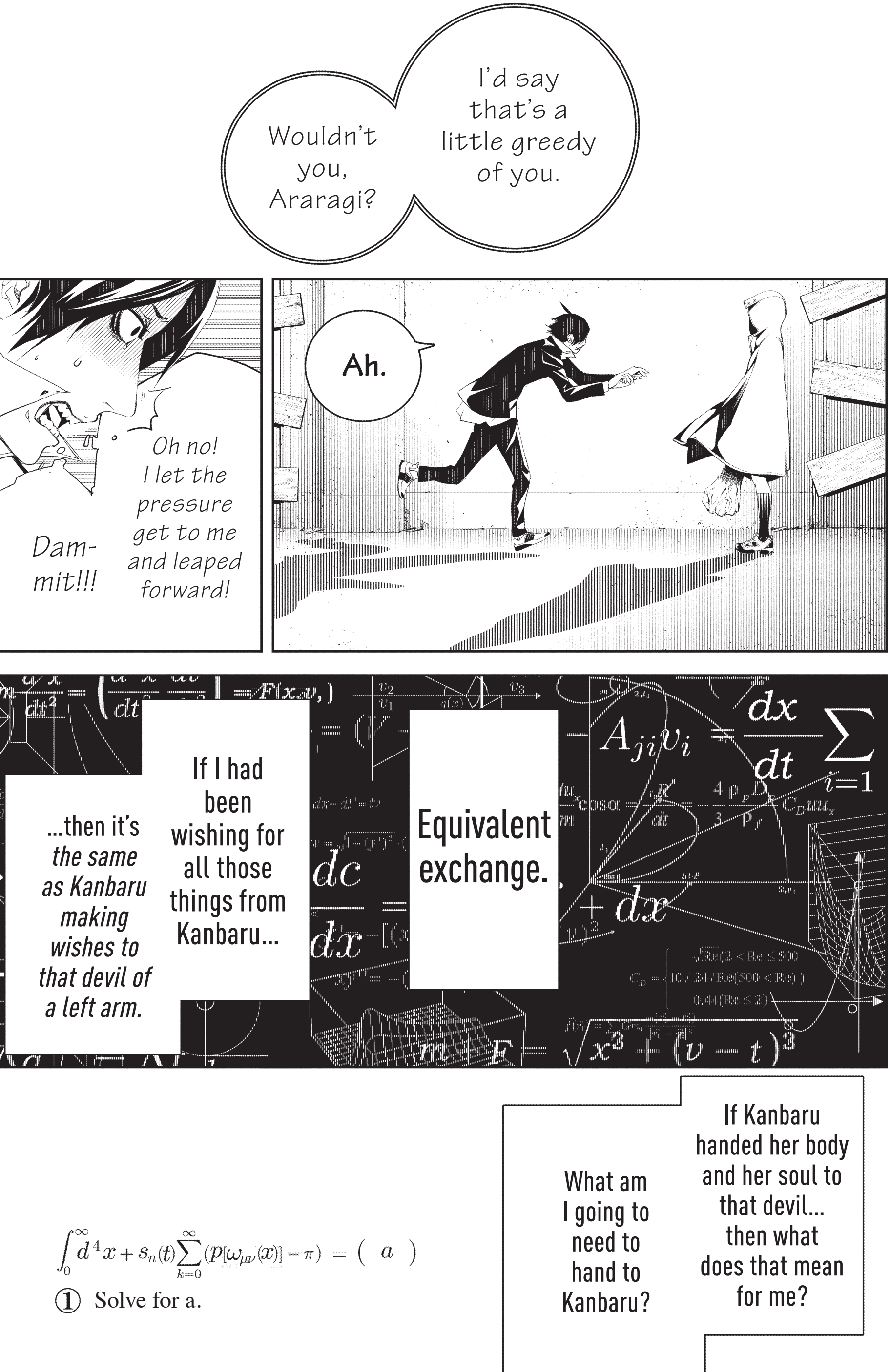
Kan-baru.
Don't make that face.
I'm done. I'll give up.
You can't give up!
You can do it. You can make your own wishes come true...
I'm done. I'll give up.
That's what your mother must have been thinking when she left you this mummified devil.
So, don't make that face.
It's like there's a deep abyss where your face should be. Stop it.
...Wait.

No... That's not right...
That's my face. My look.

To wish ...
...is to take, Araragi.
Oshino was right.
It's true... Maybe I never wished for anything from an aberration.
But ...
Just as Kanbaru didn't knowingly wish for something from a devil...
...It could also be...
...that I wished for something from Kanbaru without being aware of it...


AAAAGH!!
My underhanded calculations.
My scheming persistence.
What is it that you want to save...? This Missy's left arm?
Maybe Missy Tsundere's lost past?
Or is it your own human decency, Araragi?
Or could it be all of the above?



I'd say that's a little greedy of you.
Wouldn't you, Araragi?
Ah.
Oh no! I let the pressure get to me and leaped forward!
Dam-mit!!!
Equivalent exchange.
If I had been wishing for all those things from Kanbaru...
...then it's *the same* as *Kanbaru making wishes to that devil of a left arm.*
If Kanbaru handed her body and her soul to that devil... then what does that mean for me?
What am I going to need to hand to Kanbaru?
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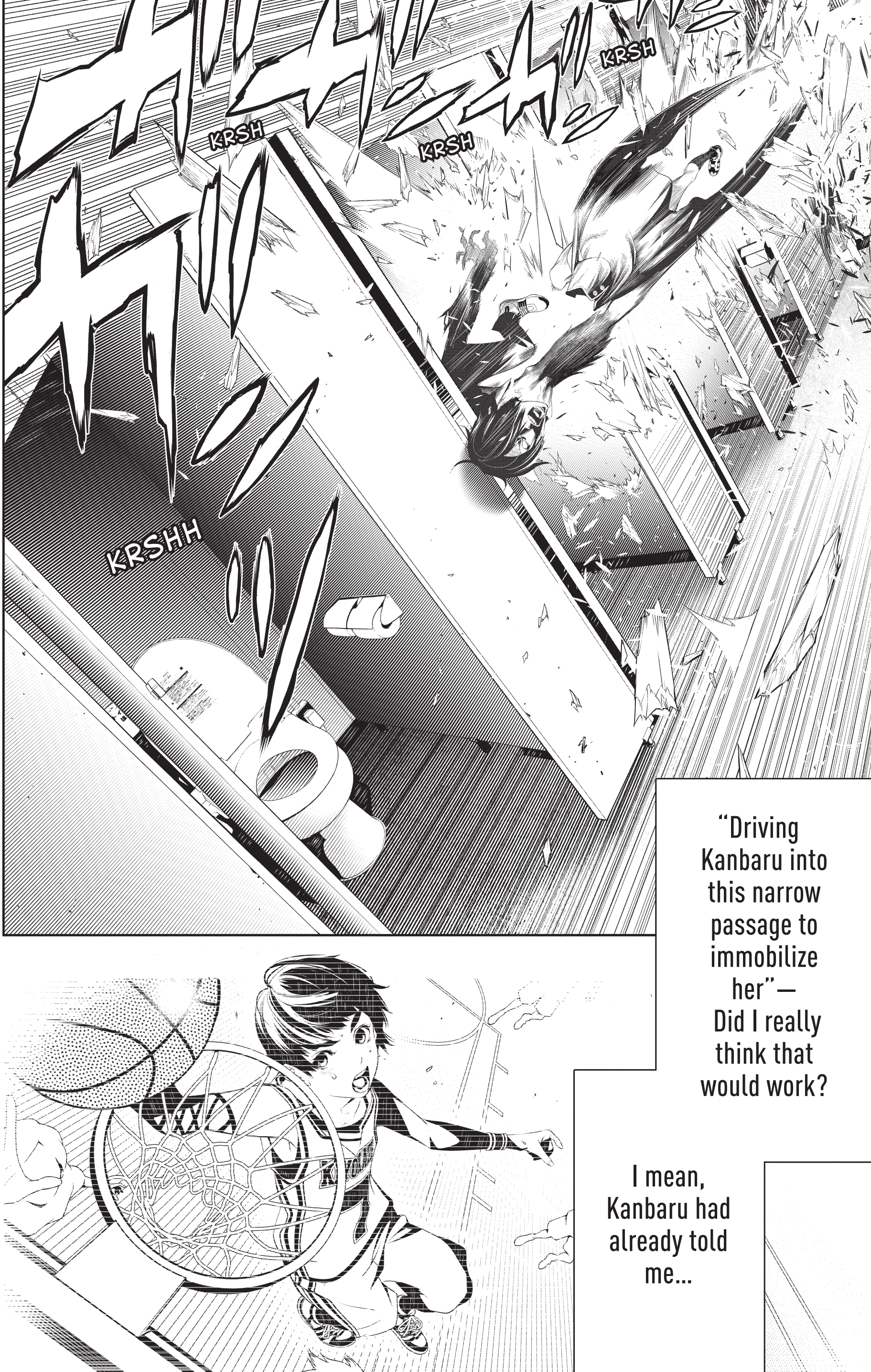
① Solve for a.

Even if I watch out for her left arm—she's going to kick me.
If I tackle her to the ground, then—
FST
THP
THP
THP
THP
THP
SHUDDER

THP
THP
THP
THP
A chill ran down my spine.
...I shuddered at just how careless I was.
I *really* never give up a good chance to be wrong, huh.

SGWOOSH
BWOOOF
SGWOOSH
SGWOOSH
SGWOOSH

THWAKKT
Neck
Head
Broken


KRSH
KRSH
KRSH
KRSHH
"Driving Kanbaru into this narrow passage to immobilize her"—
Did I really think that would work?
I mean, Kanbaru had already told me...

To her, the court was a limited area of space divided into rectangles.
And within those confines, she said she could be faster than anyone else.
THWOPP
THWOPP
THWOPP
THWOPP
To Suruga Kanbaru, this space we're in...
...is no different from a basketball court!!
28m
R=6.75m
0.9m
4.3m
1.8m
1.2m
3.7m
4.9m
0.9m

Even if I pass out from a lethal amount of damage,
I can’t die.
I return to life every time I’m killed.
Again and again ...
...in a hell of endless death and rebirth.

I'd made light of Kanbaru.
I'd sold her short.
I...
I can't...
...recover fast enough...
What does it take to kill you, anyway?
Do I need to cut you up into two-inch cubes? Tell me.
Two inches?!
SHUDDER
Once more—a chill ran down my spine.
Two inches.
0 2 in
In this moment, those words seem more real than ever before...
No.

you! I
you! I hate
hate you!
hate you! I hate
I hate you! I
you! I hate
hate you!
you! I hate
I hate you! I
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hate you! I
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you! I hate you! I
you! I

I hate you! I hate you!
I hate you! I hate you! I
I hate you! I hate you! I
I hate you! I hate you! I
I hate you! I hate you! I
I hate you! I hate you! I
hate you! ha

I HATE YOU!
I HATE YOU!
I HATE YOU!

TEYOU
ATEYOU
ATEYOU
TEYOU
AT

BOOM

At long last…
…I understood.
I realized my biggest mistake of all.
Kanbaru…
You…
That's right.
I never should have wished for anything from Kanbaru.
SZZZZ
SBLOKK
You just won't do…
…Kanbaru.

If I had a wish, I needed to make it to myself.
SKREE
SKRRK
Giving. Taking. I should never have put any of it in someone else's hands.
WHAT I NEEDED...
ZSST
...WAS TO HATE YOU, KANBARU.

語 *gatari*

物 *mono*

SURUGAmonkey

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化 *bake*

化 bake

物 mono

SURUGAmonkey

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語 *gatari*

You...
ZSST
You just won't do, Kanbaru!!
ZSSSHT
I can't wipe away my remorse.

Not when it comes to Kanbaru, and not when it comes to Senjogahara, either.
Still,
would I trade places if given the chance to do so?
No.
I would never trade places.

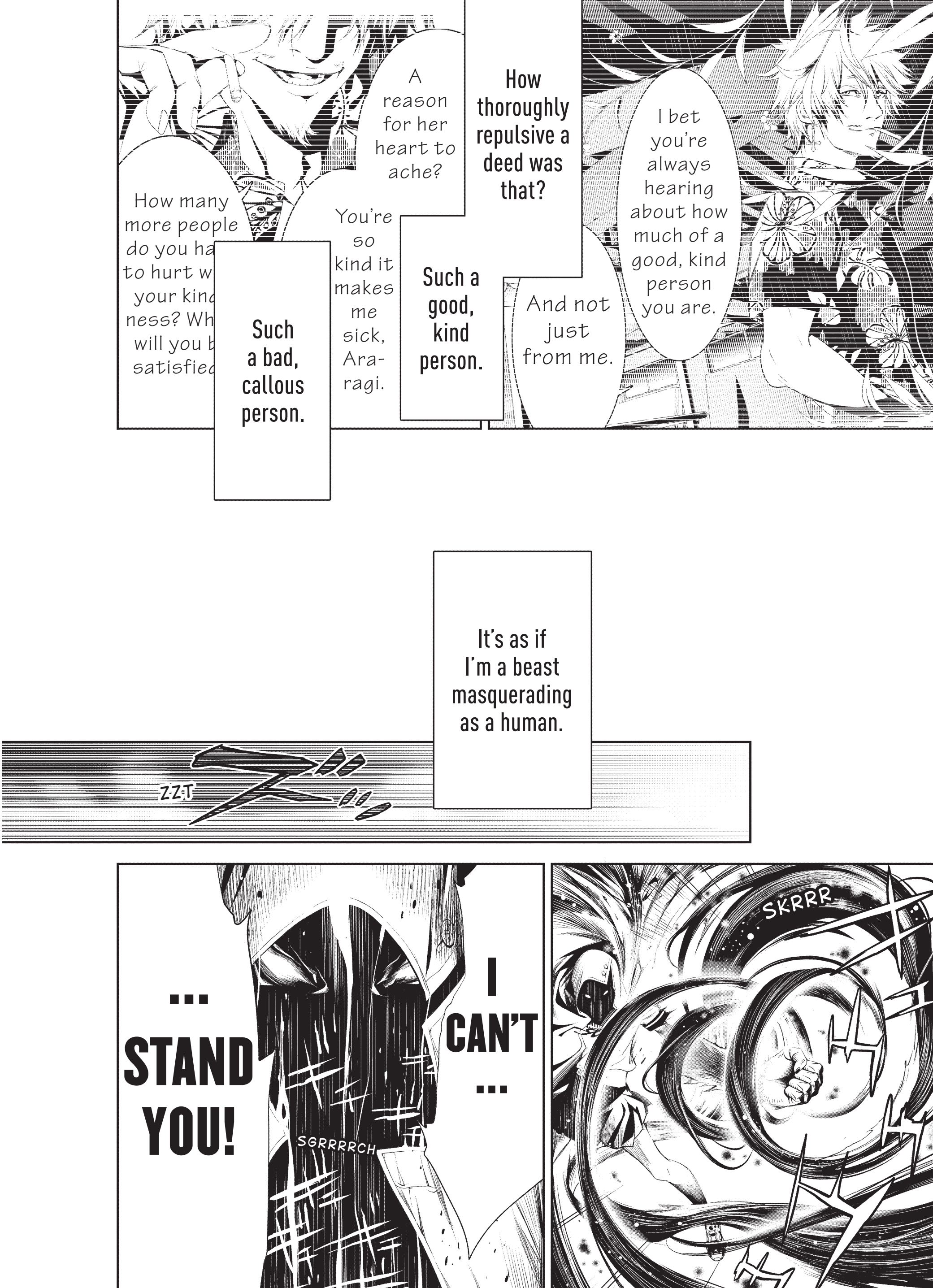
No one can ever take the place of another.
And I have no desire to cede my position.
Not at all.

BOOM
BWOOF
PTT

KAH
THWAK
KAH
KAH
KRAK
That's right.

If I'm your hated rival in love...
...then you were mine.
And I'd...
ZZT
...have done better to hate you, Kanbaru.
BWEE

FFFHHH!
SGRRCH
FFH!
SGRRCH
FFFFH!!
I'd looked down on her.
Made light of her.
I did this with consummate ease while I rested upon my perch of absolute security.
I never saw Suruga Kanbaru as my equal.
SGRRCH
SGRRCH
FFFHHHHH!
I wanted them to make up?
FFFHHH!
FFFHHH!
Did I really think I'd have them reconcile? Unbeliev-able.

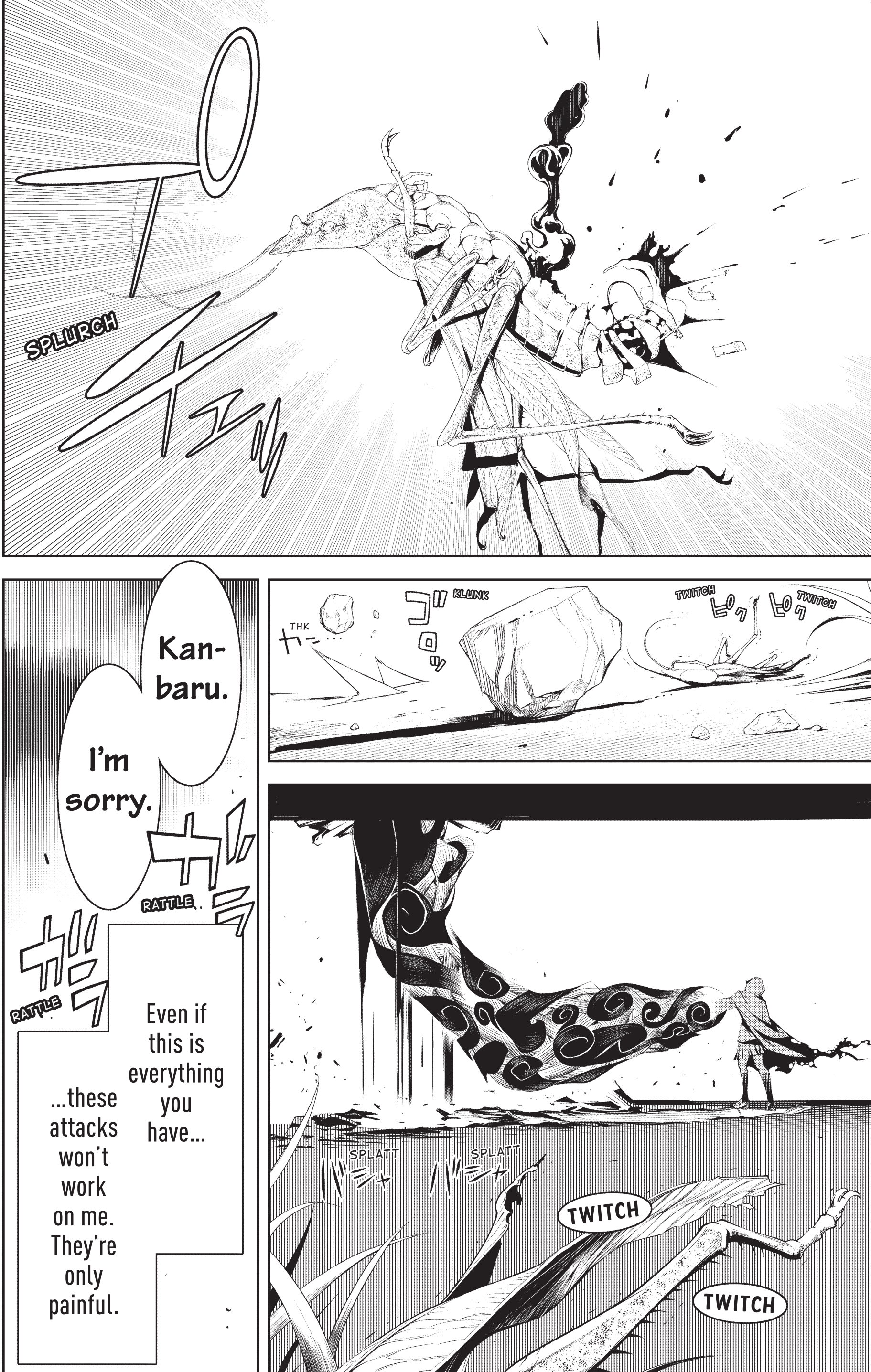


I bet you're always hearing about how much of a good, kind person you are.
And not just from me.
How thoroughly repulsive a deed was that?
Such a good, kind person.
A reason for her heart to ache?
You're so kind it makes me sick, Ara-ragi.
How many more people do you ha to hurt w your kind ness? Wh will you b satisfie
Such a bad, callous person.
It's as if I'm a beast masquerading as a human.
ZZT
SKRRR
I CAN'T ...
... STAND YOU!
SGRRRRCH

THWOKK
I CAN'T STAND YOU!
I CAN'T ...
STAND YOU !!

BOOM
BOOM
BWOOM

BWOOM
GLOPP


SPLURCH
KLUNK
THK
TWITCH
TWITCH
Kan-baru.
I'm sorry.
RATTLE
RATTLE
Even if this is everything you have...
...these attacks won't work on me. They're only painful.
SPLATT
SPLATT
TWITCH
TWITCH

I don't have any trouble standing you at all.
Only my body...
...feels any pain.
We may be rivals in love.
We may be forced to hate each other out of necessity.
And even though we're polar opposites—with you, the biggest celebrity on campus and me, barely part of the scenery in class...

Can't the two of us...
...at least be friends?
HEH!
Ah ...!
Ah ...
...

KRAK
KRAK
KRAK
KRAK
KRAK
SGRRSH
SGRRCH
BRMM
THWOKK
SNAP
BLAM
ZMM
THWOOM
KLONG
KLOONG
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM

TWITCH
PTT

... Why ...?!
You seem to be enjoying yourselves.
Looks like you're having fun without me,
Araragi.

How unpleas-ant.

Se-Senjogahara...?!
Wh-Why are you... here?!
Ugh!
It has to have been Oshino! That asshole...
He went through my bag...and must've gotten Senjogahara's number from my phone!
I'll hold onto your stuff. It'll just get in the way, won't it?
I can't believe him! And why would he call her now, of all times?! If you think I'm that unreliable, then you show up here yourself, Oshino!!

Huh ?!
POP
WUH?!

FLUTTER
FLUTTER
FLUTTER
STOMP
BOOOM
Blugh!
THWAK
What?! Why did Kanbaru run off?!
...Gh! Uurgh!
Don't tell me it was the power of love. It can't be anything that con-venient...
So, Araragi.
You lied to me.
Ex-cuse me?
You misled me by saying you tripped and fell.
No, I just tripped and fell.
Just look around. The road's all bumpy from construction, right...?
You kept Kanbaru's aberration a secret, too.

You deserve to die a thousand times over.
Didn't we promise we wouldn't do anything like that when we started dating?
But, dear me, Araragi...
It looks like you already *did* die a thousand times.
I suppose I'll let you off the hook this one time.
Hehe
A chill ran down my spine.
FLASH
An enormous mass of fear coursed through me. I'd never felt so scared,
even while Raincoat was beating me senseless.

THRUST
GSSHT
And then ...
10m
20m
10
TARGET
LOCK ON

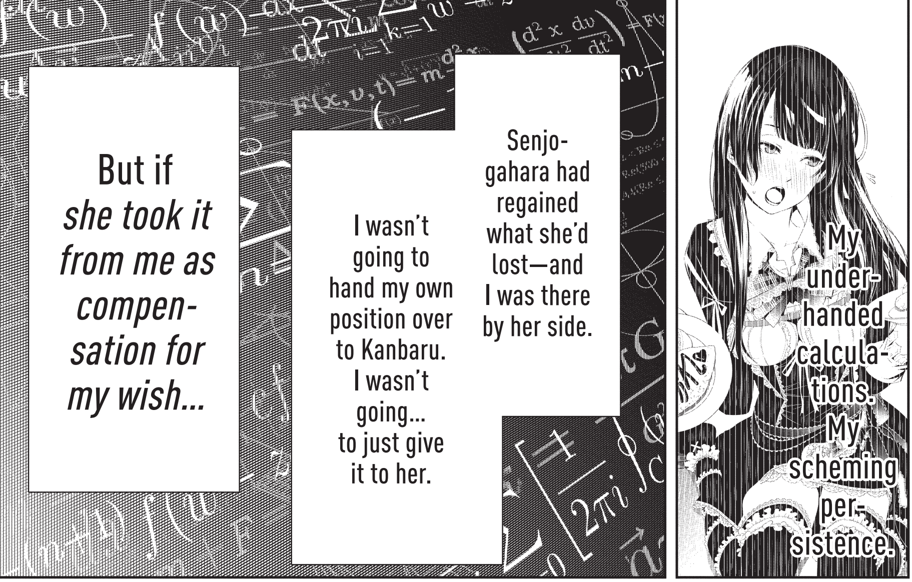
Just like that, it began.
BOOM
There was a foot race be-tween the two.
A match in lieu of the one they never had in middle school.
There was also the idea of doing a hundred-meter dash before the free throw contest.
But I had to say no to that. It would've been awful for me if I ended up losing.

GSSH
Senjo-gahara was a former middle-school track star.
But ...
SGRRK
SGRK
SGRK
GSSH
GSSH
She was up against a top-level high-school athlete in her prime.
And she was an aberra-tion!!
She may have been twice as far from me, but—
WOOSH

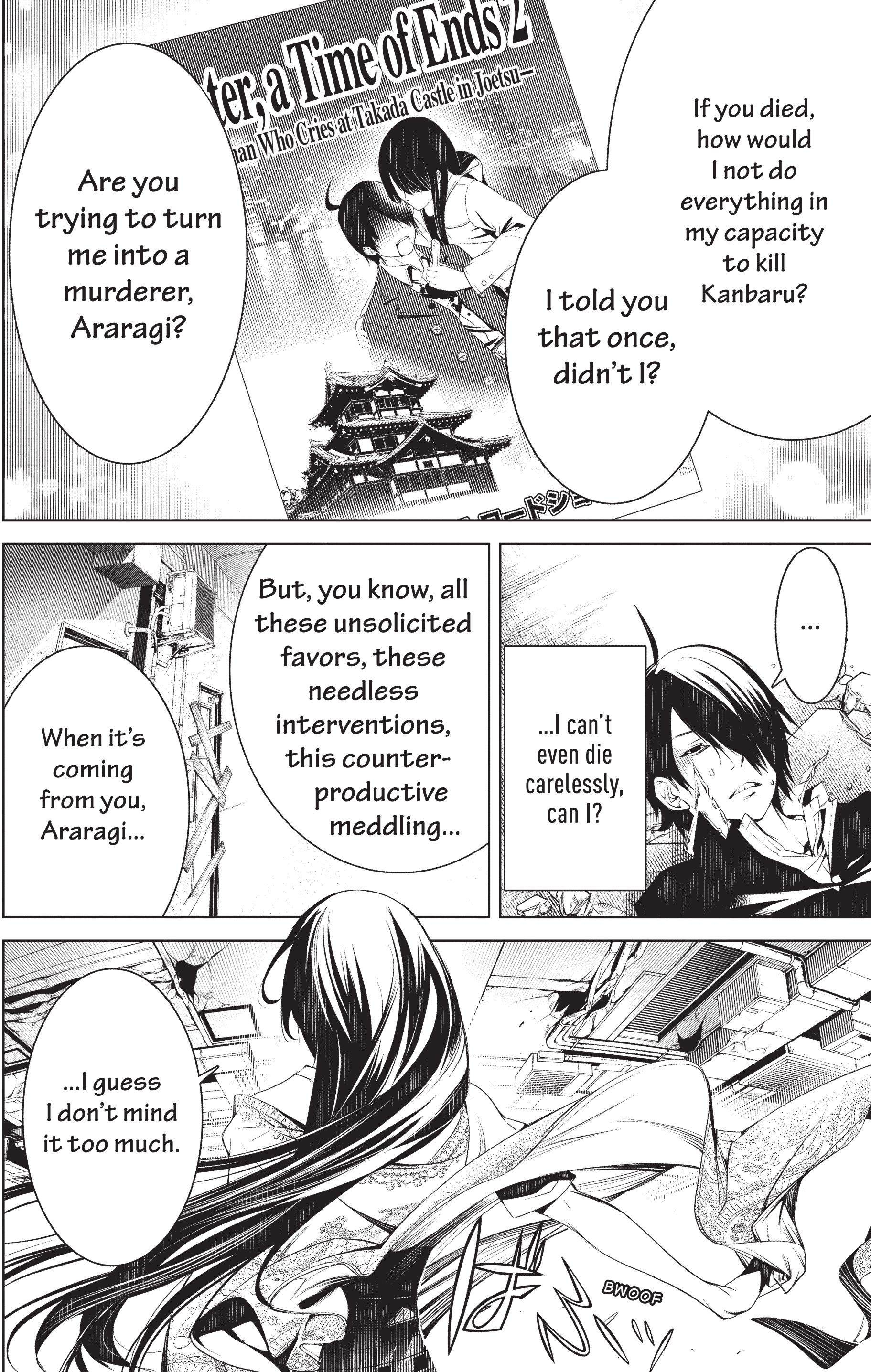
...Ngh!!
BTT
Ah!
BWUF
Urgh!
Ffh!
GRRRRK
GRRRRK
BWOOF

Urf!
FLAIL
FLAIL
Unh!
Hurgh!
Greegh!
FLAIL
FLAIL
Eeh...!
DRAG
DRAG
Eeeh!
DRAG
She... stopped her fist? And wait—what? Is she in pain...?!
Senjogahara! I'm still totally messed up from the waist down!
Don't come near me until I'm healed!
Araragi, knowing you,
I bet you thought your death would solve everything, didn't you?

HYAH!
It would have been easy for me to get away from her arm.
But doing so would have destroyed Kanbaru's arm in a manner even more cruel than lopping it off with Shinobu's blade.
AAGH
Uh—
HURK
The life I have now is like a bonus...
I already lost my life to that aberration during spring break, anyway.
...I ended up relying on Kanbaru, anyway.
Wish
And...



I could accept that.



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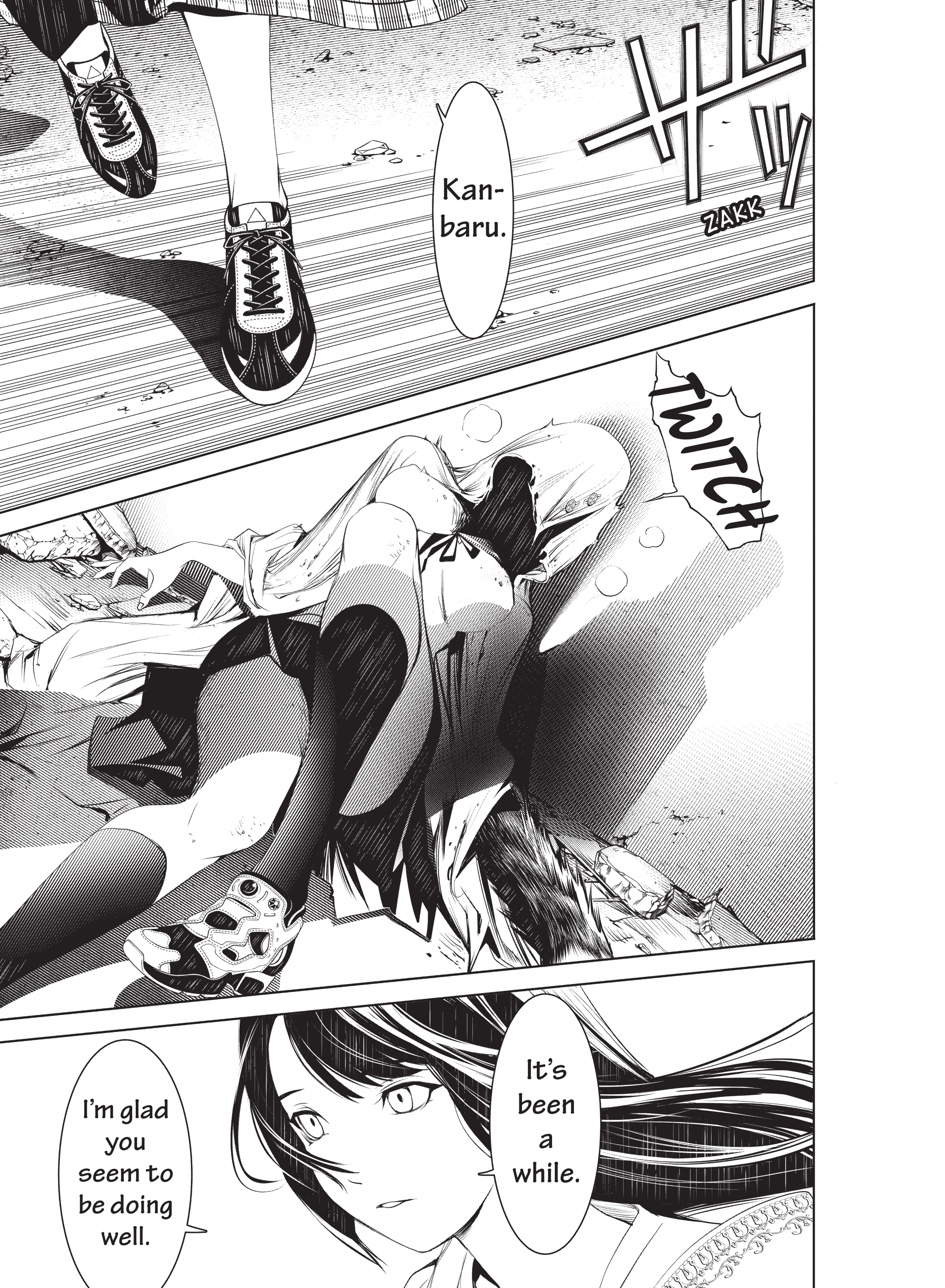
han Who Cries at Takada Castle in Joetsu–
If you died, how would I not do everything in my capacity to kill Kanbaru?
I told you that once, didn't I?
Are you trying to turn me into a murderer, Araragi?
...
...I can't even die carelessly, can I?
But, you know, all these unsolicited favors, these needless interventions, this counter-productive meddling...
When it's coming from you, Araragi...
...I guess I don't mind it too much.
BWOOF


ZAKK
Kan-baru.
TWITCH
It's been a while.
I'm glad you seem to be doing well.

Ah!
Ah!
Aiee!
Eeee ...!
Ng-hee!

Oh... Right!
I get it... I think.
I thought that Kanbaru's will had actually stopped the raincoat's attack, but...
That's not it.
It was reason.
Aberrations are governed by reason.
The Rainy Devil sees through your wish and grants what it finds there.
Rainy Devil
Front
Back
But that doesn't change the fact...
...that there's still a valid wish on the surface.

Hyeek!
Yeek!
Buhhh...!
SWIRL
And...
Hitagi Senjo-gahara...
...is able to do what Koyomi Araragi could never do—and she can do it with ease.
ZAKK

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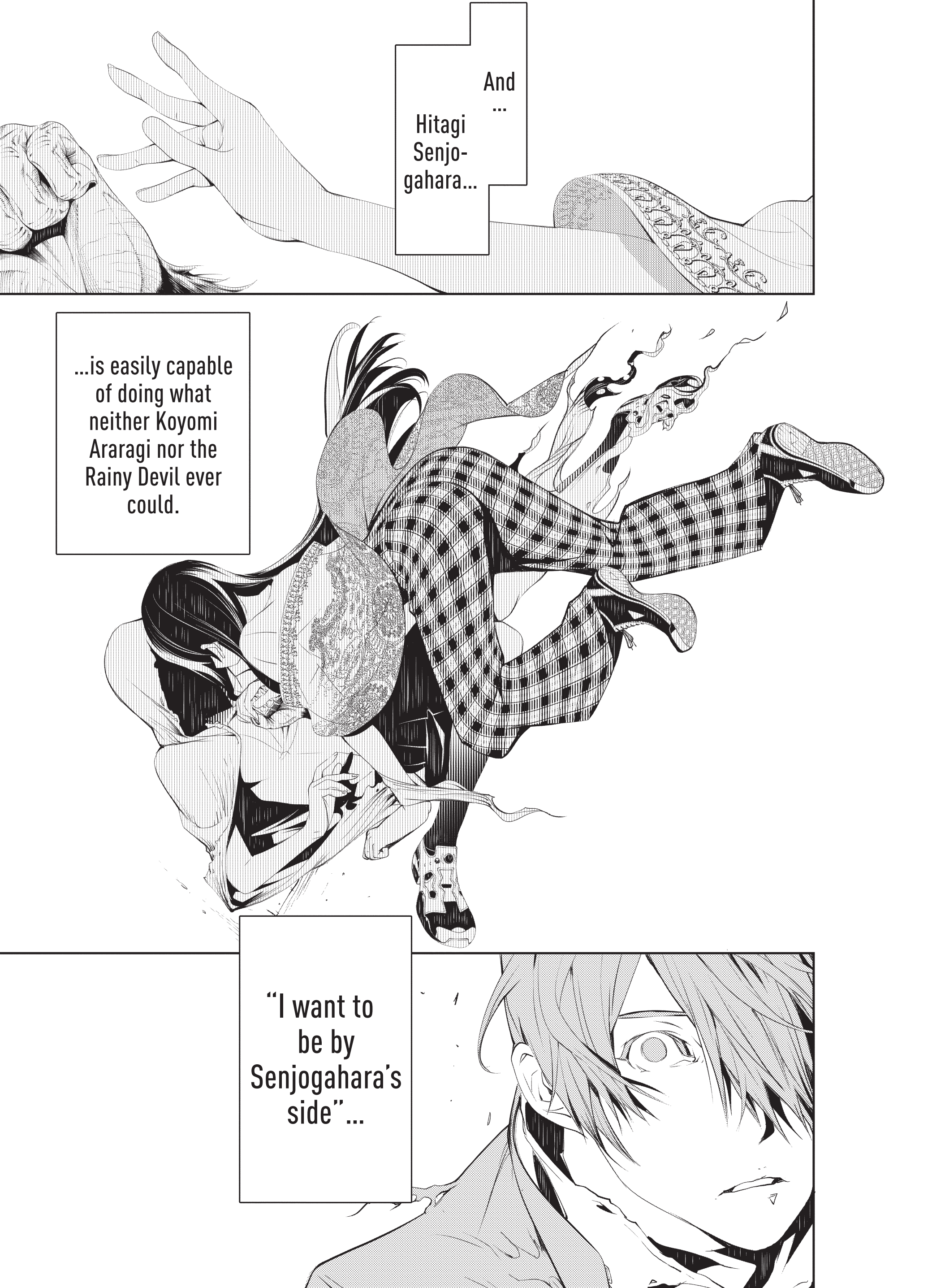
Eek!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
Hyeek!
Ah!
TREMBLE
Ghaah!
Aberrations are governed by reason.
Ah!
Ah!
TWITCH
TWITCH
Eeek!
...!
Oh ...!
So that's what's happening here!
The Rainy Devil sees through your wish and grants what it finds there.
But that doesn't change the fact that there's still a valid wish on the surface.

That's right. Even during her first "wish," the Rainy Devil...
...ended up granting her surface-level wish.
If she were to hurt Senjogahara...
Aanhh!
Ah!
Urrbh!
...Kanbaru's surface-level wish of wanting to be by Senjogahara's side—that part of the contract—could never be held up.
Eek!
SPLATCH
SPLATCH

And Senjogahara's declaration that she would kill Kanbaru if Kanbaru killed me...
Gha-ah!
...also made it impossible for the Rainy Devil to kill me.
Oonh!
KRAK
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
Hye-ek!
Onn-ngh!
DRIP
DRIP
Onn-ngh!
Aahn!
Ooh-nngh!


And... Hitagi Senjogahara...
...is easily capable of doing what neither Koyomi Araragi nor the Rainy Devil ever could.
"I want to be by Senjogahara's side"...

KRSSH
?!

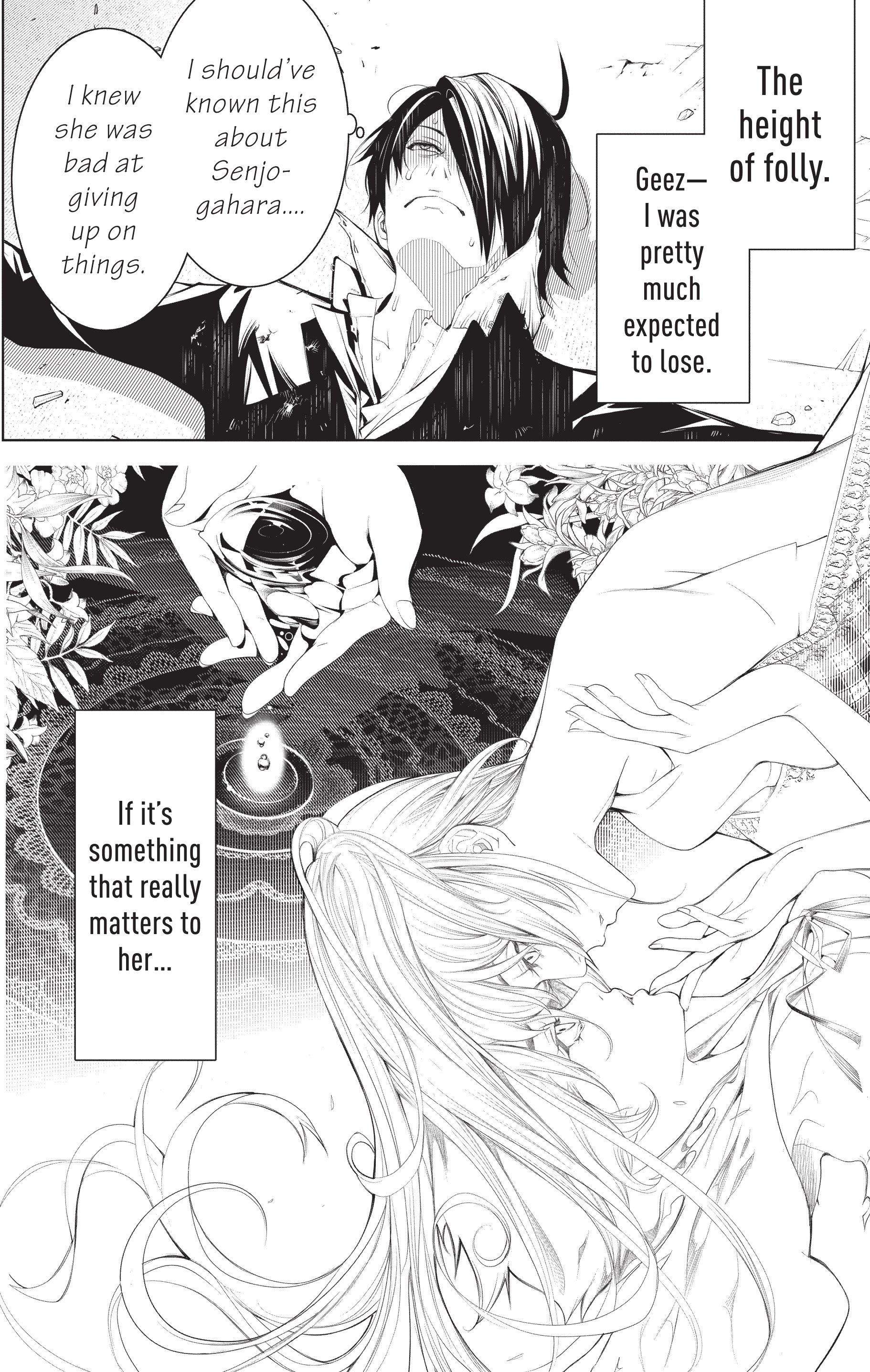
ビクッ
TWITCH
PLOD PLOD PLOD
テト テト テト.....
...
My... senior...
...Senjo-gahara...
I...

I love you.
Oh.
I don't share those exact feelings.

Sorry I made you wait so long.

Will you stay by my side anyway?

ゴッ
THONK
What a fool I am.
ゴロ
ROLL
Yeah... Of course...


The height of folly.
Geez—I was pretty much expected to lose.
I should've known this about Senjo-gahara....
I knew she was bad at giving up on things.
If it's something that really matters to her...

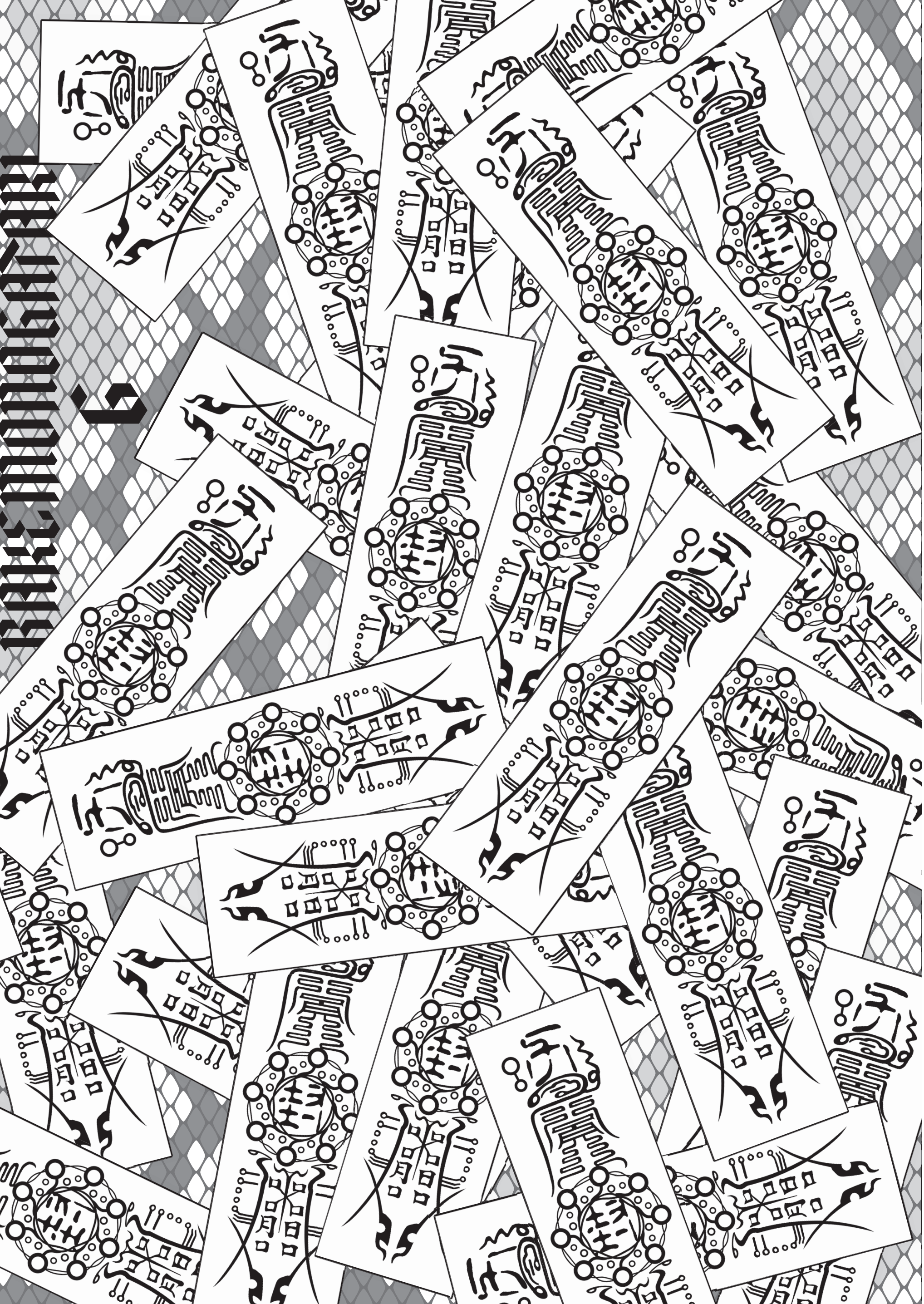
...Hitagi Senjogahara would never give it up.
Unsolicited favors. Needless interventions.
Counter-productive meddling.
I know it's always like this, but...
...I really was just useless here, huh.

Play with a devil, become a devil.
In the end, all I did...was dig around and dredge up things from Kanbaru's unconscious.
I reinforced the union between Kanbaru and that devil...
...I think.
It's even worse than that.
We got in so deep that even I turned into a devil...
Maybe it's lonely?
What Kanbaru needed...
...wasn't someone to play with her.

Geez...
We really are messed up.

Every last one of us.

Oshino probably saw through this all.
I bet he'll say something like...
Hey there. Something good happen to you?
...
WHISPER
WHISPER
HAH
OH HO HO
KEE HEE HEE
CLAP
CLAP
?!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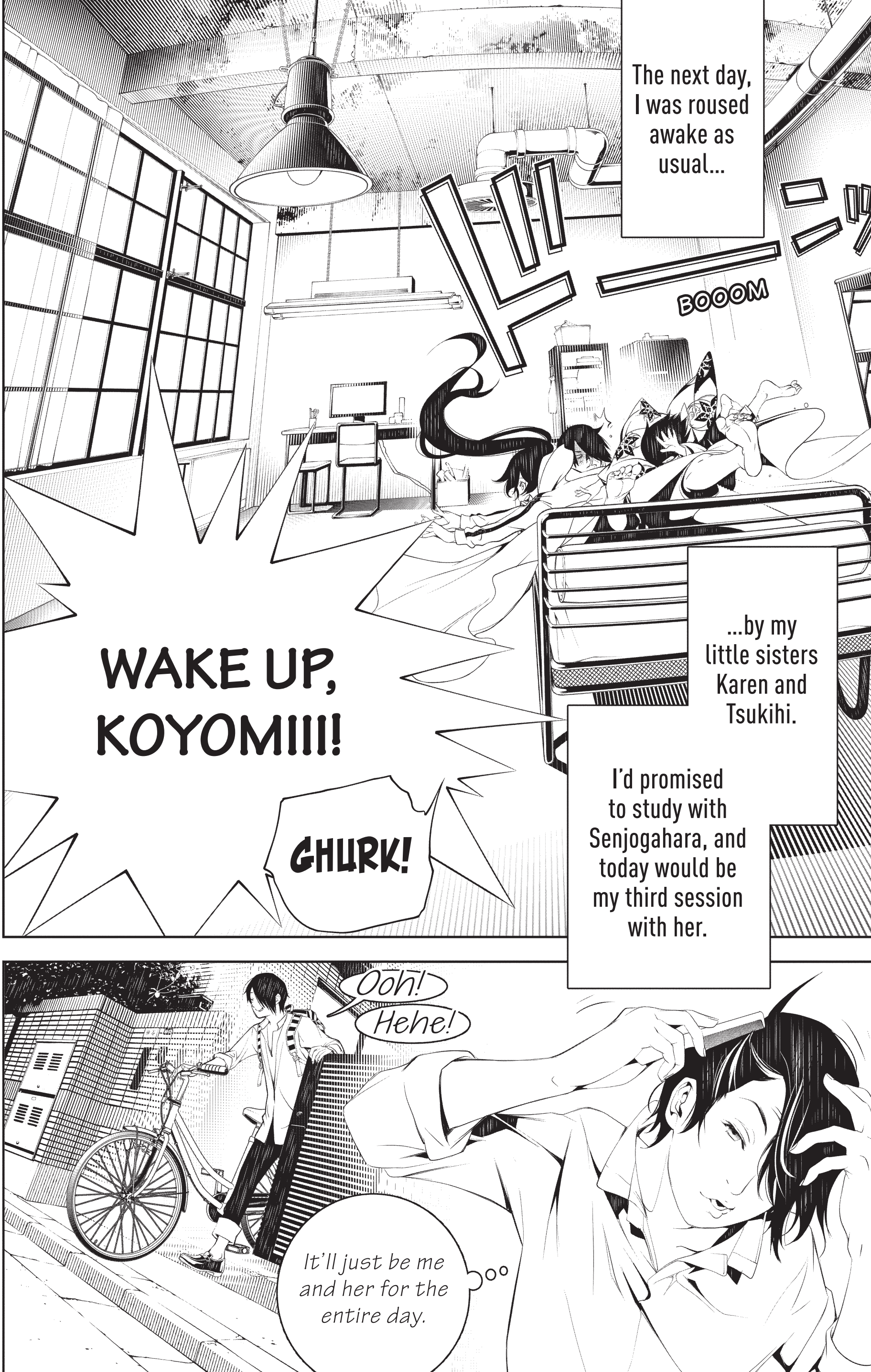
TIPTOE
TIPTOE
DASH



The next day, I was roused awake as usual...
BOOOM
WAKE UP, KOYOMIIII!
GHURK!
...by my little sisters Karen and Tsukihi.
I'd promised to study with Senjogahara, and today would be my third session with her.
Ooh!
Hehe!
It'll just be me and her for the entire day.

I'll finally get to eat some of her home cooking toda—
OH!
GOOD MORNING, MY SENIOR ARARAGI!
SKRK
SKRK
WHPP
...Good morning, Miss Kanbaru.
Hm? Oh, I don't deserve such a formal greeting! But your decorum and good manners are truly amazing! At a very basic, human level, you're just made of better stuff than me!
...How do you know where I live?
Ha ha ha! Aw, like you didn't know already... I used to stalk you, so it's only natural that I'd have figured out your home address!

Have your injuries healed yet?
SKRK
Yeah, they have... If anything, the sun is the tough part for me now that I'm vampiric... but it's not as bad as I thought it'd be.
So...
Is there a reason you're here?
YEP! YOU SEE, JUST THIS MORNING...
...I GOT A CALL FROM MY SENIOR SENJOGAHARA AND SHE TOLD ME TO COME GET YOU!
Oh, and let me hold your bag. I polished your bike and oiled the chain, too.
And if there's anything else you need, don't hesitate to ask!

Can't the two of us at least be friends?
...She's gone beyond being a friend.
She's become a gofer now.
How about a massage before we get going?
After all, we really went at it last night. You must be worn out.
YOU REALIZE WE'RE STANDING RIGHT IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE, DON'T YOU?! AND YOU'RE SAYING THAT?!
Give me back my bag. Now.
...And I'd worry about your body more. Are you okay?
Well, you really did give it to me hard.
I thought I might never be able to walk again, but I actually came out of it with a healthy glow.
WHAT-EVER! LET'S GO!

Oshino said that the devil's responsible for taking on everything that occurs while the wish-granting contract is in play.
...So I guess that explains things.
Wait, but what about your team?
You've got a tournament coming up. You didn't have practice this morning?
No.
I can't play basketball anymore.
It was all so half-baked.
In the end, my arm didn't go back to normal.

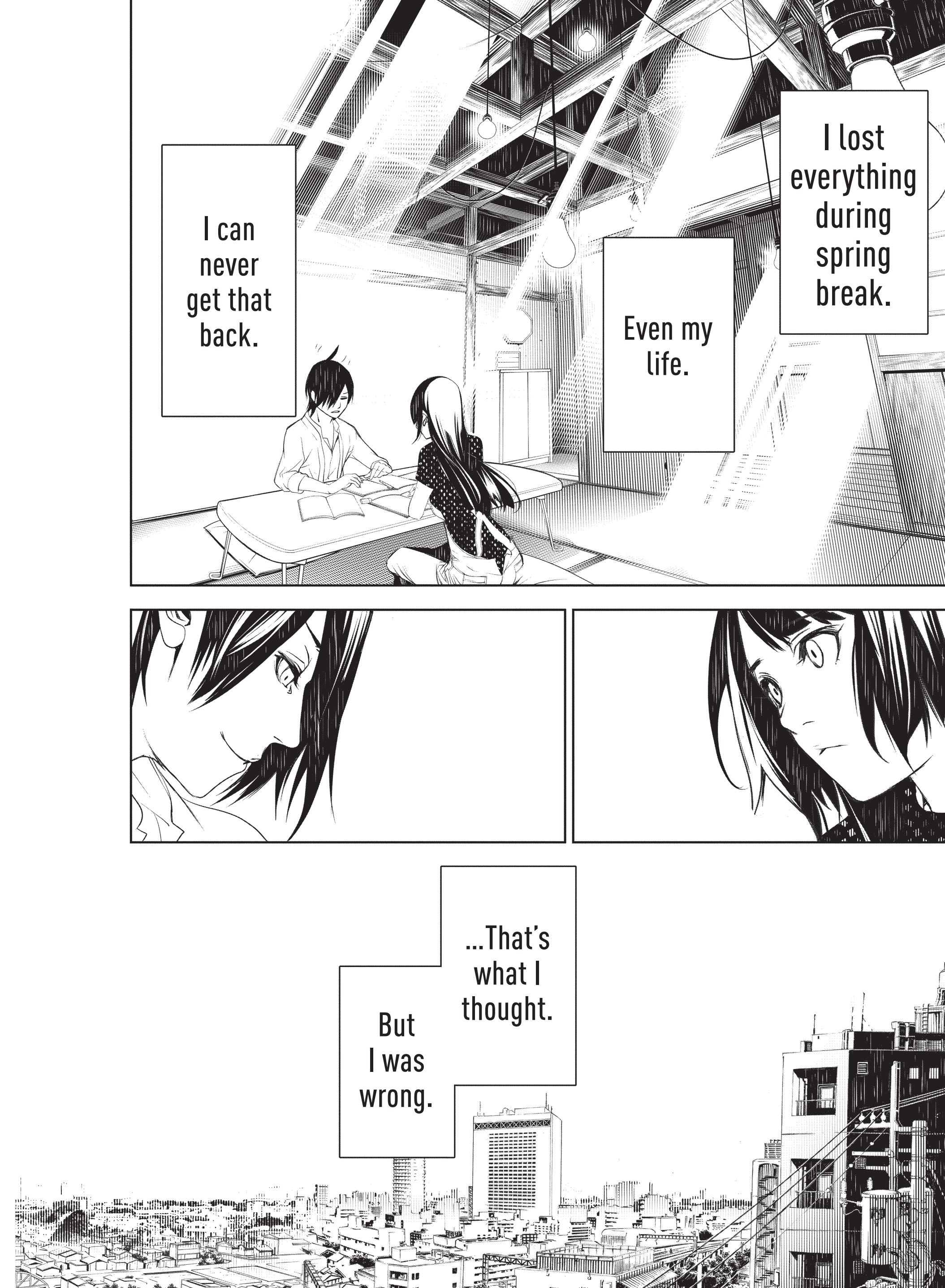
There's no way I could keep playing basketball with my arm like this.
Maybe it's premature, but I'm retiring.
MY ARM'S STILL POWERFUL IN ITS OWN WAY, THOUGH. IT'S PRETTY HANDY, Y'KNOW!
HECK, HOW ABOUT I JUST CARRY YOU THE REST OF THE WAY TO MY SENIOR SENJOGAHARA'S HOME? I CAN HOLD YOU LIKE A NEW BRIDE OVER THE THRESHOLD.
AGH, WAIT!! DON'T PICK UP MY WHOLE BIKE!
CROWN
CALL US

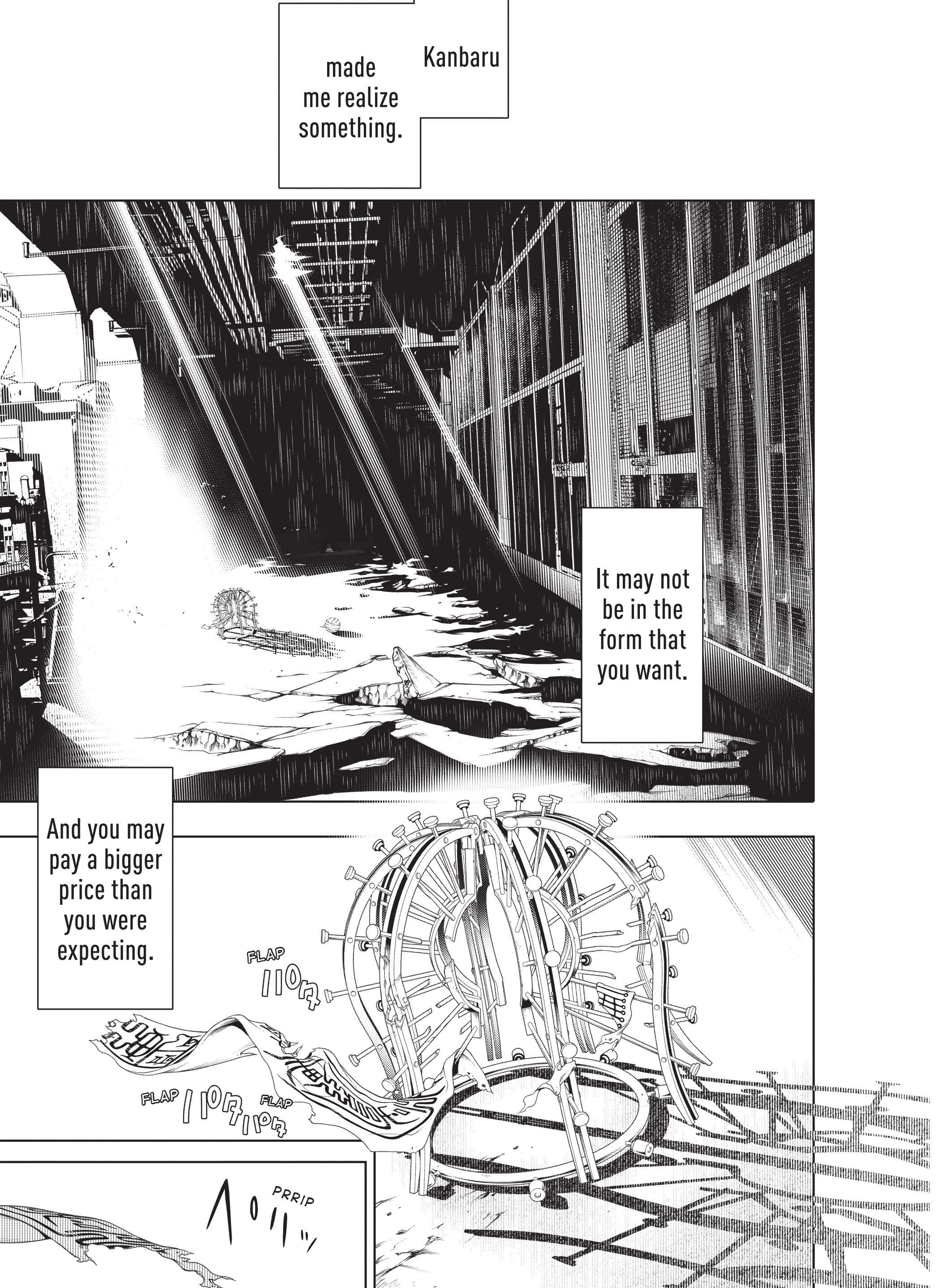
Her wish had been granted—even if it was only by half.
That much was only fair, it seemed.
BUTA

All right, my senior Araragi.
This is where I take my leave.
Kan-baru...

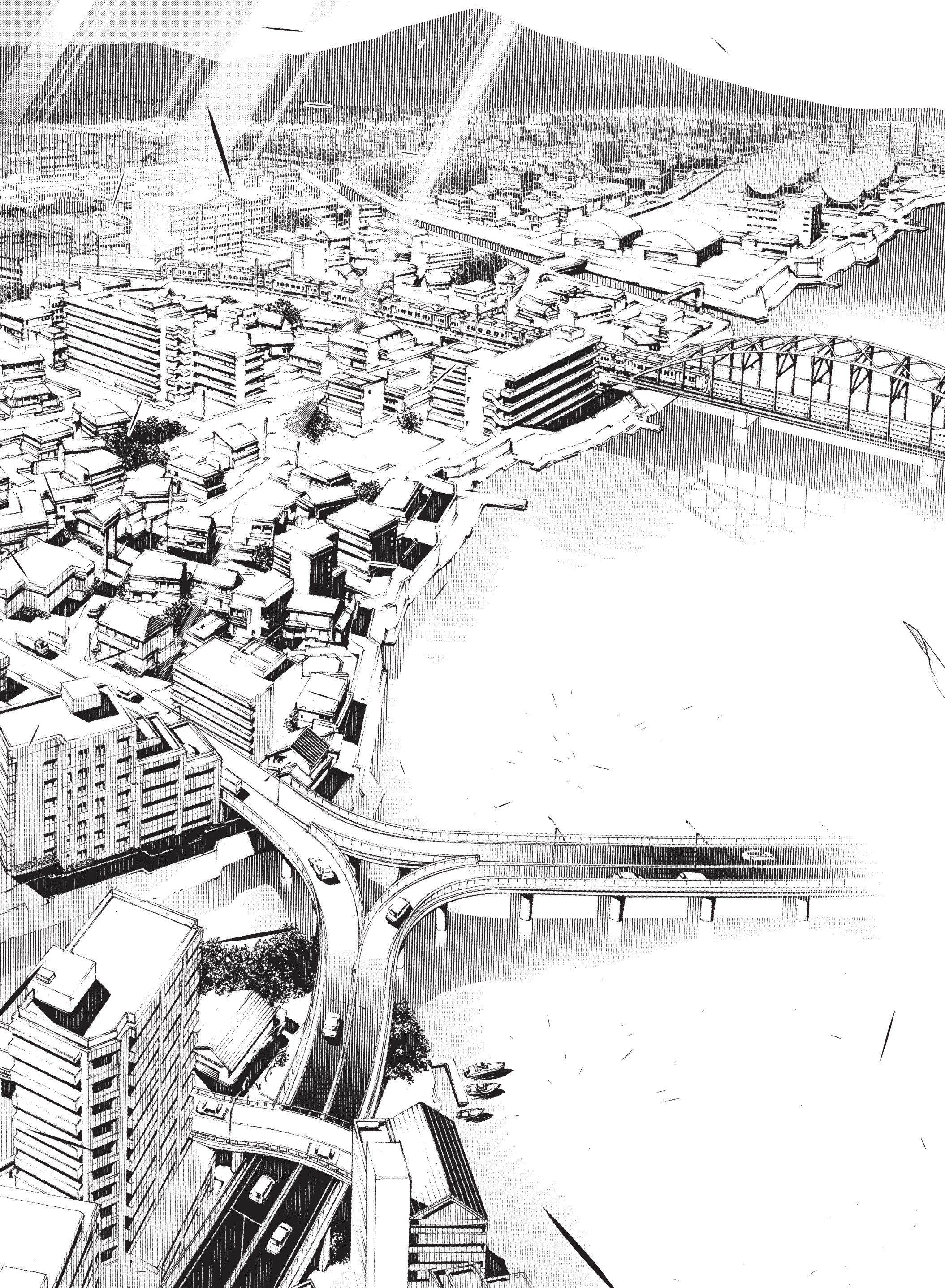
Thanks, okay?
What are you talking about?
There isn't a single reason for you to thank someone like me.
If anything, the fact that I could never do enough to express my gratitude to you fills me with anguish!
Yeah, I get it. You made that very clear as we made our way here.
Enough, already.

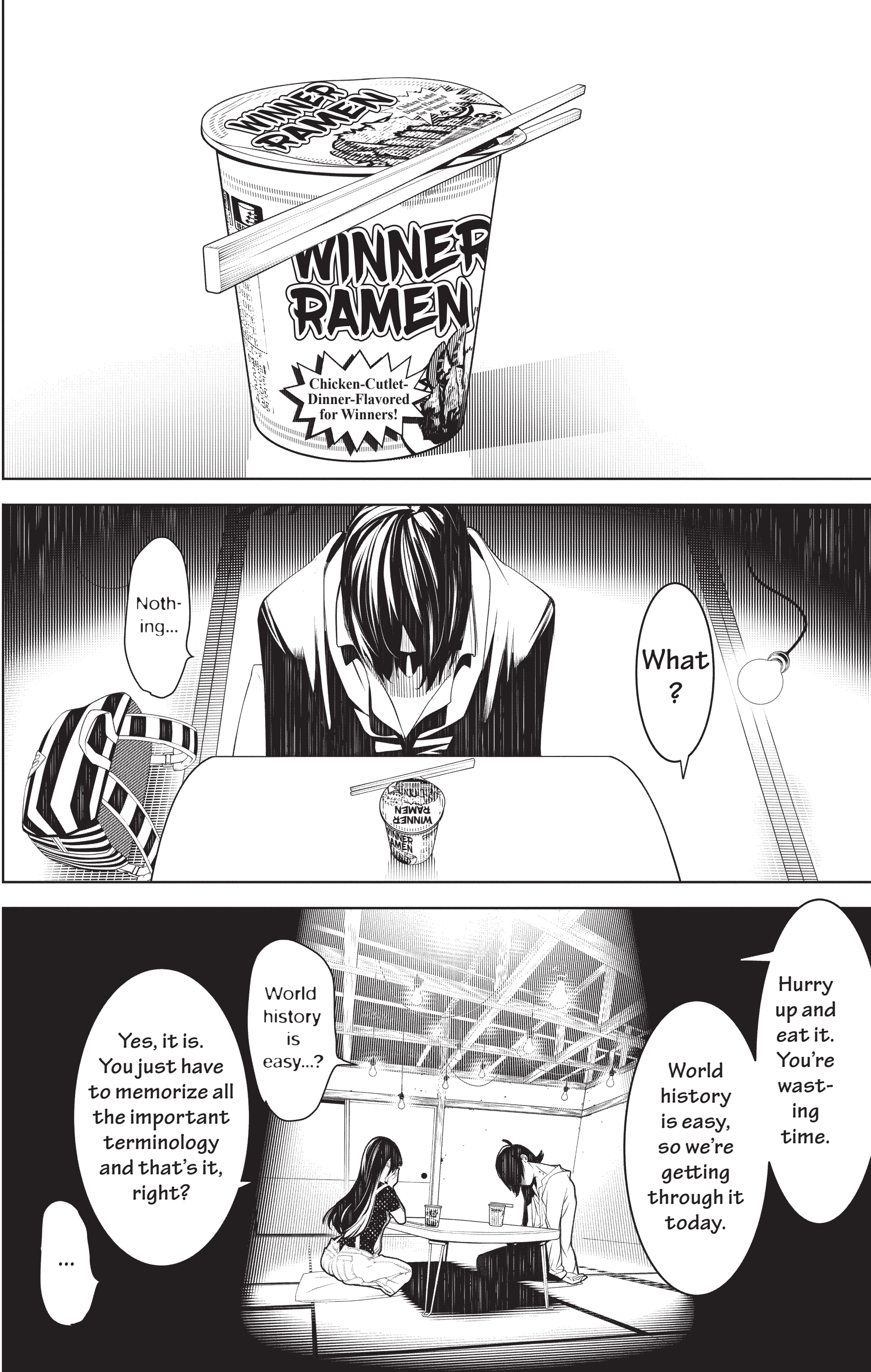
oh hoh?
D'aww!
I get it. You're trying to use me to get yourself a home-cooked treat from Senjogahara, aren't you?
That's fine with me, then. It's only fair for you to be rewarded with something like that.
KREEK
Well... Sure.
See ya.
I...


I lost everything during spring break.
Even my life.
I can never get that back.
...That's what I thought.
But I was wrong.


Kanbaru
made me realize something.
It may not be in the form that you want.
And you may pay a bigger price than you were expecting.
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
PRRIP

But wishes
do come true.




WINNER RAMEN
WINNER RAMEN
Chicken-Cutlet-Dinner-Flavored for Winners!
What?
Noth-ing...
WINNER RAMEN
Hurry up and eat it. You're wast-ing time.
World history is easy, so we're getting through it today.
World history is easy...?
Yes, it is. You just have to memorize all the important terminology and that's it, right?
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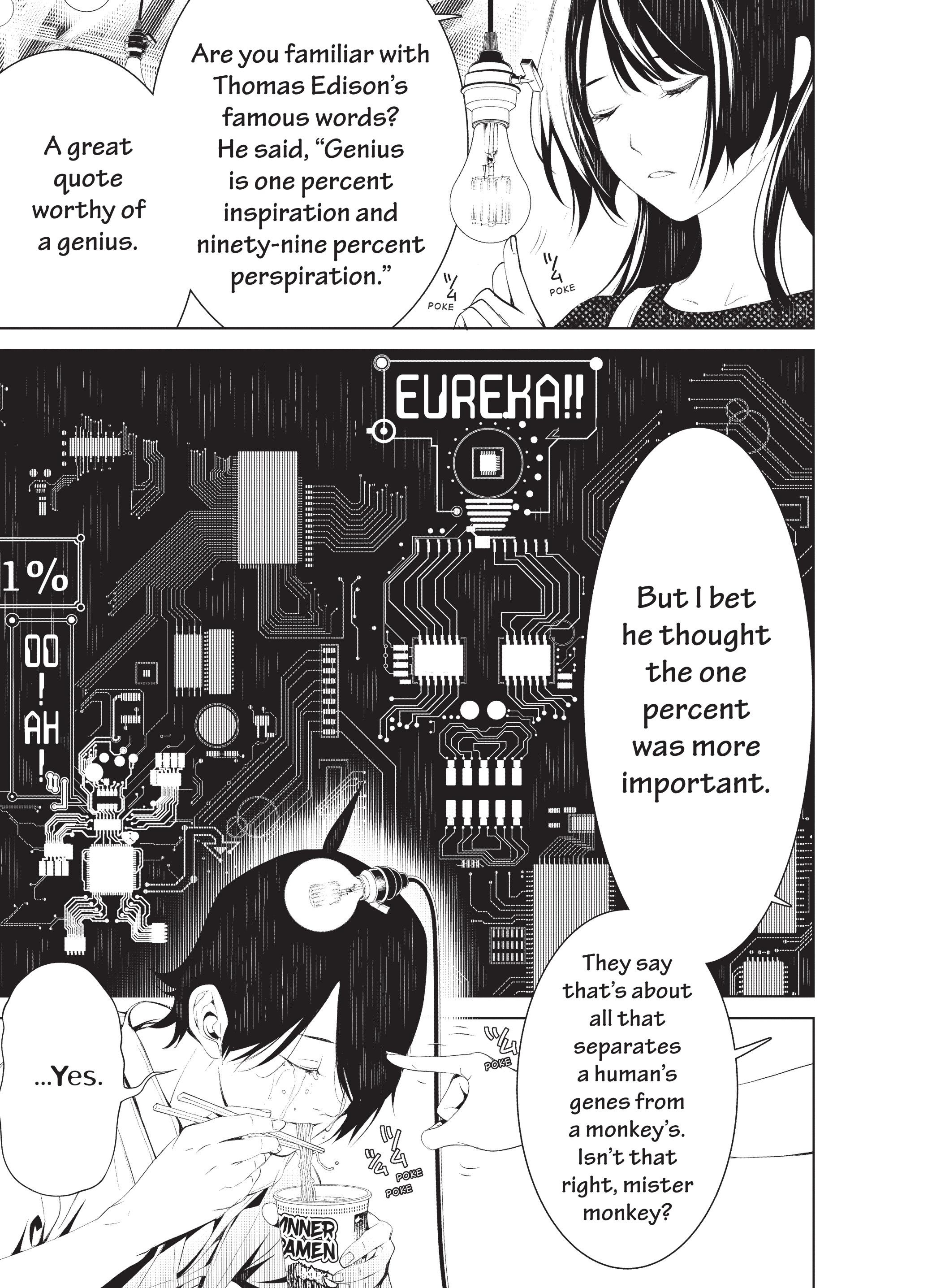

Are you familiar with Thomas Edison's famous words? He said, "Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration."
A great quote worthy of a genius.
POKE
POKE
EUREKA!!
1%
But I bet he thought the one percent was more important.
They say that's about all that separates a human's genes from a monkey's. Isn't that right, mister monkey?
POKE
POKE
POKE
...Yes.

I knew this brand of instant ramen very well, but somehow it tasted different from the countless times I ate it alone in my own room.
Perhaps I had my tears to blame for that. But maybe not.
OPHIUCHUS
November 30–December 17
What is Ophiuchus?
Ophiuchuses are like...
FLUTTER
...?!

?!
BZZT
FLAP
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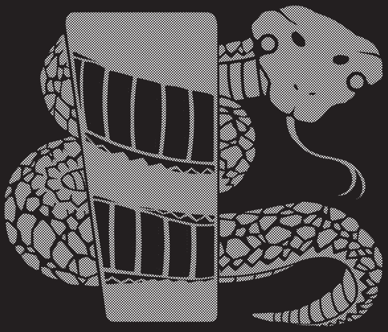
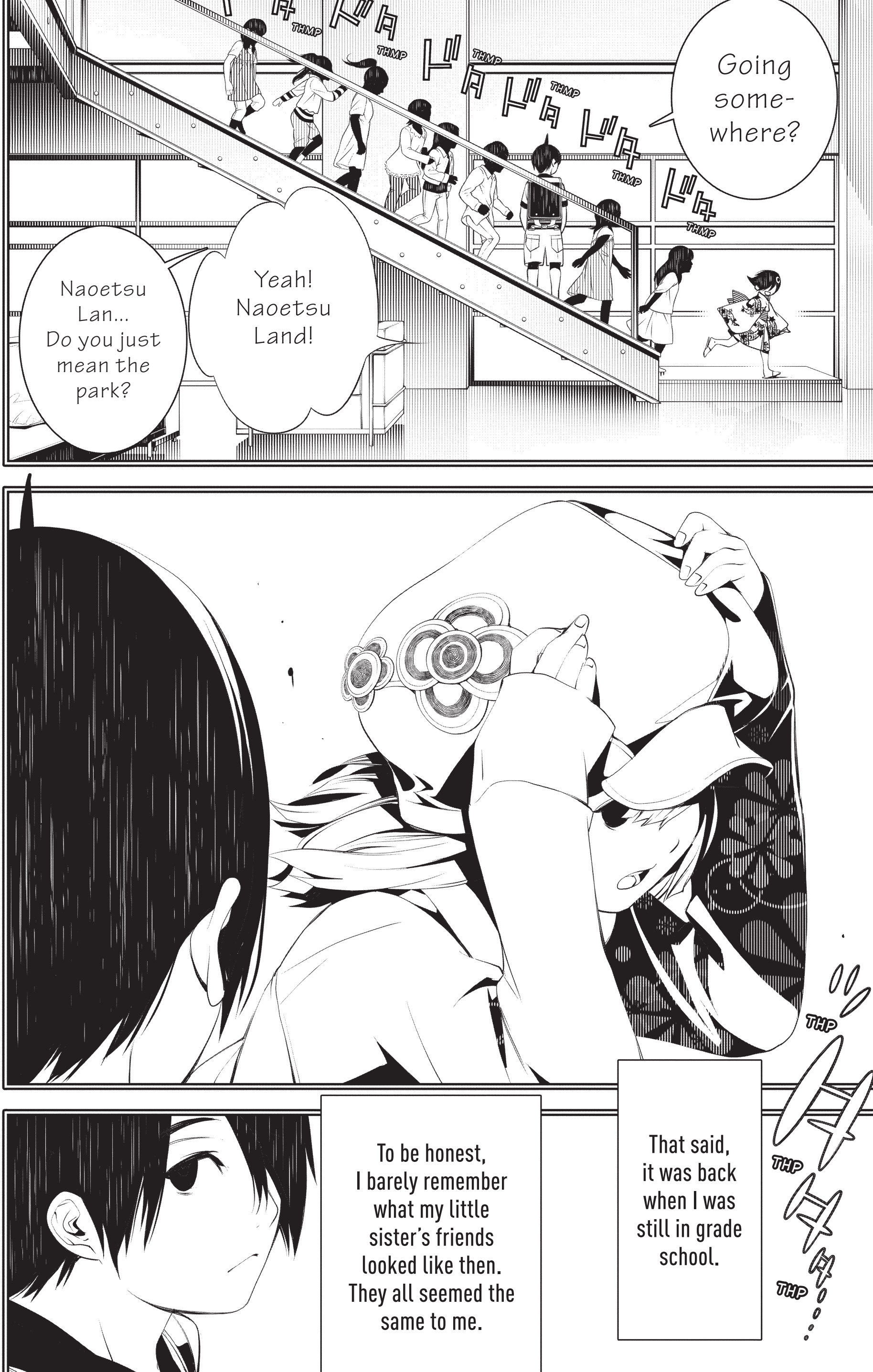
BAKEMONOGATARI



04: Nadeko Snake

Nadeko Sengoku was my little sister's class-mate.
Oh!
Koyomi!


THMP
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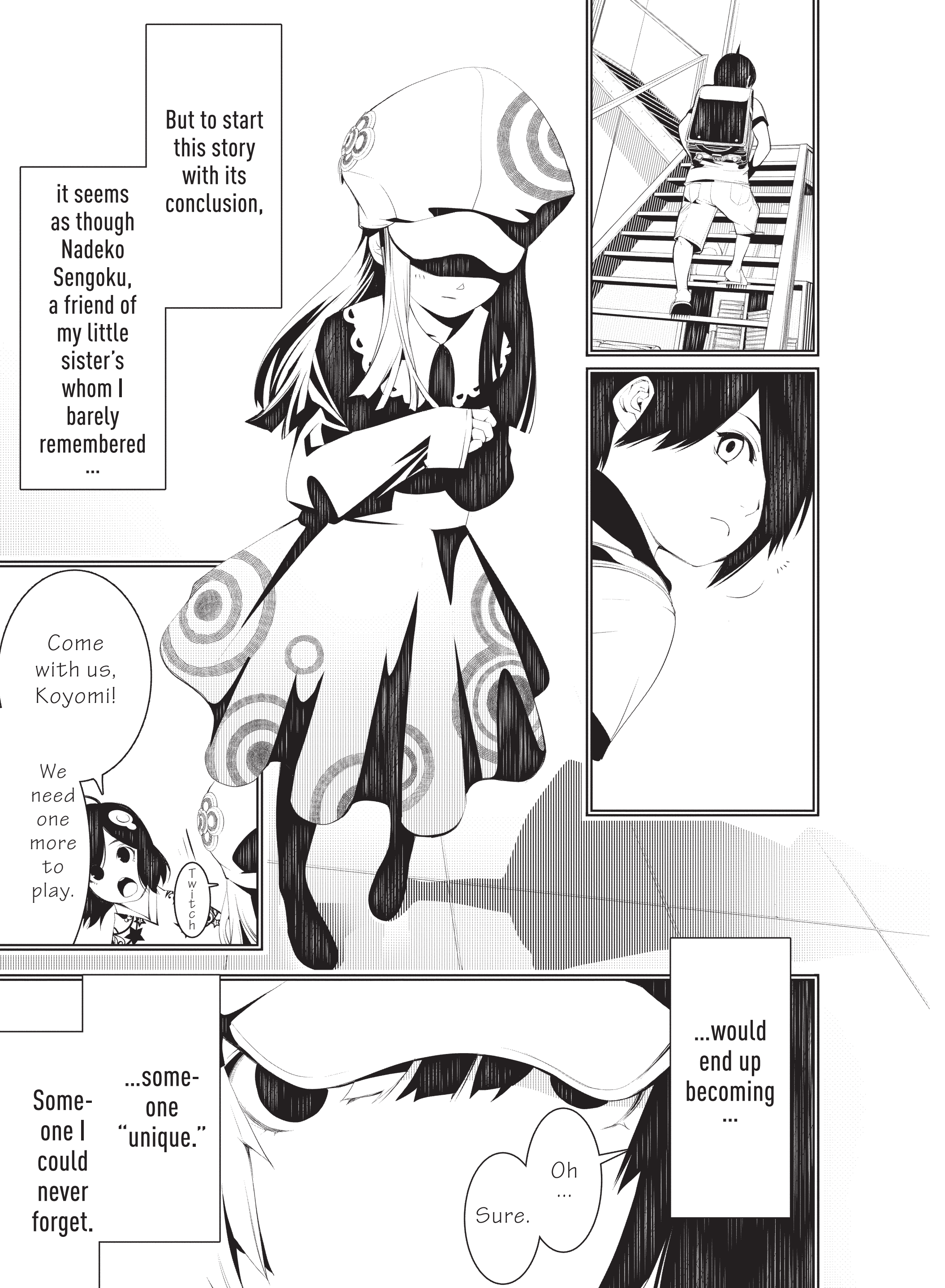
THMP
Going somewhere?
Yeah! Naoetsu Land!
Naoetsu Lan... Do you just mean the park?
THP
THP
THP
That said, it was back when I was still in grade school.
To be honest, I barely remember what my little sister's friends looked like then. They all seemed the same to me.



But to start this story with its conclusion,
it seems as though Nadeko Sengoku, a friend of my little sister's whom I barely remembered...
Come with us, Koyomi!
We need one more to play.
Twitch
...would end up becoming...
Oh... Sure.
...some-one "unique."
Some-one I could never forget.

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BAKEMONOGATARI

My senior Araragi!
I'm sorry to make you wait.
SKREECH
It's all right. I just got here, too.

Wow... Being so transparently considerate just to avoid causing me undue mental stress testifies to your good nature. Your inborn level of magnanimity is just unlike anything else. Someone of my low stature can barely grasp you in all your glory. I'd have to take three steps back and look up to take in all that you are. I'm truly stunned that the size of your largesse would move me within mere seconds of seeing you. Seems like I have no choice but to spend all the respect I can muster in my lifetime on you alone. Good heavens, I think I nearly resent you for that.
Hey, don't go around calling people transparent.
Why don't we get going, Kanbaru?
Sure.
Hm?

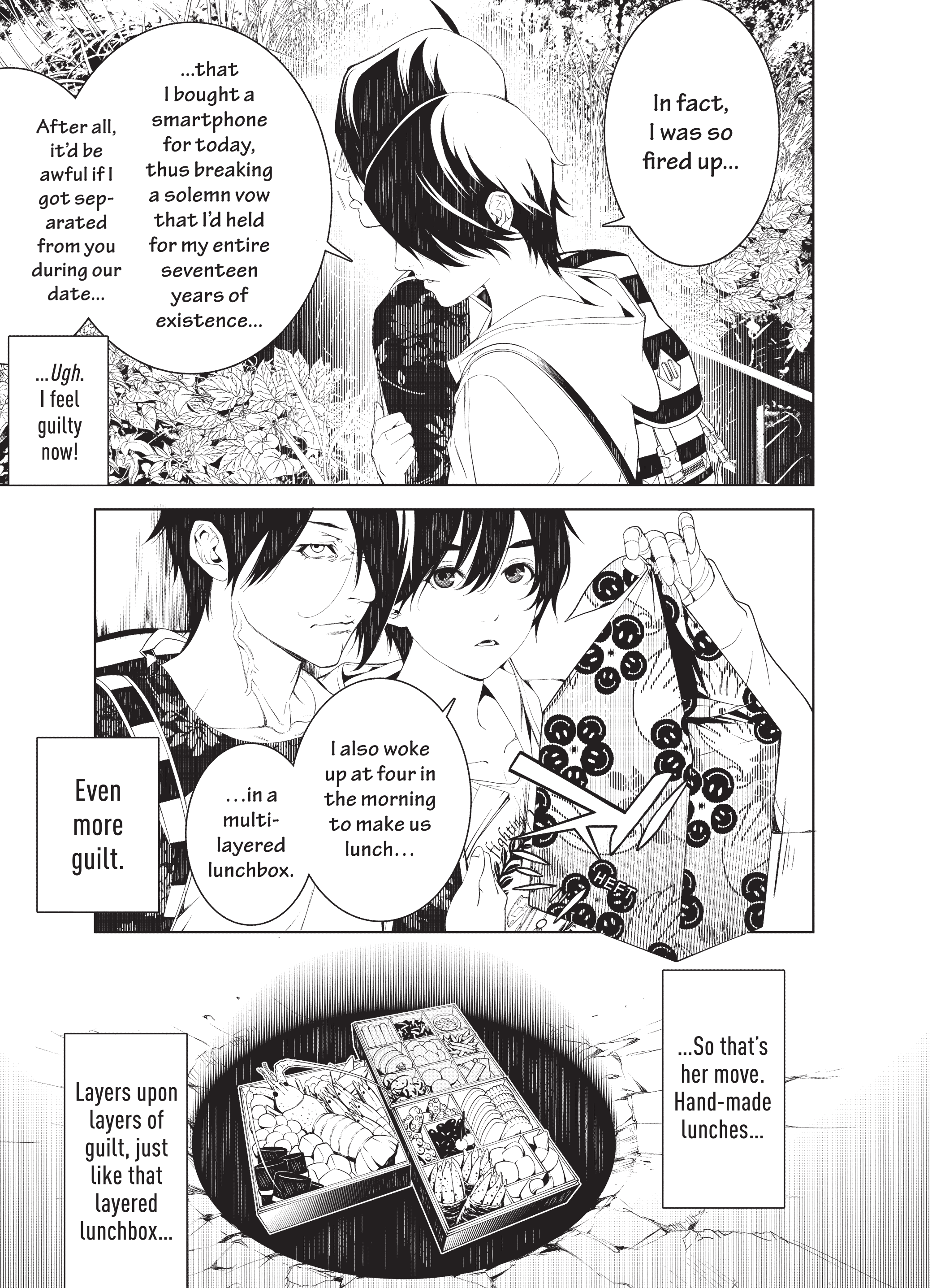
SNUG
?!
SQUISH
SQUEEZE
...
Hrm?
No, I think the usual comparison is to marshmallows, not mashed potatoes.
?!
WHAT?!
DID I VOICE WHAT I WAS THINKING JUST NOW?!
Ah, no, you didn't. Don't worry.
I only heard it telepathically.

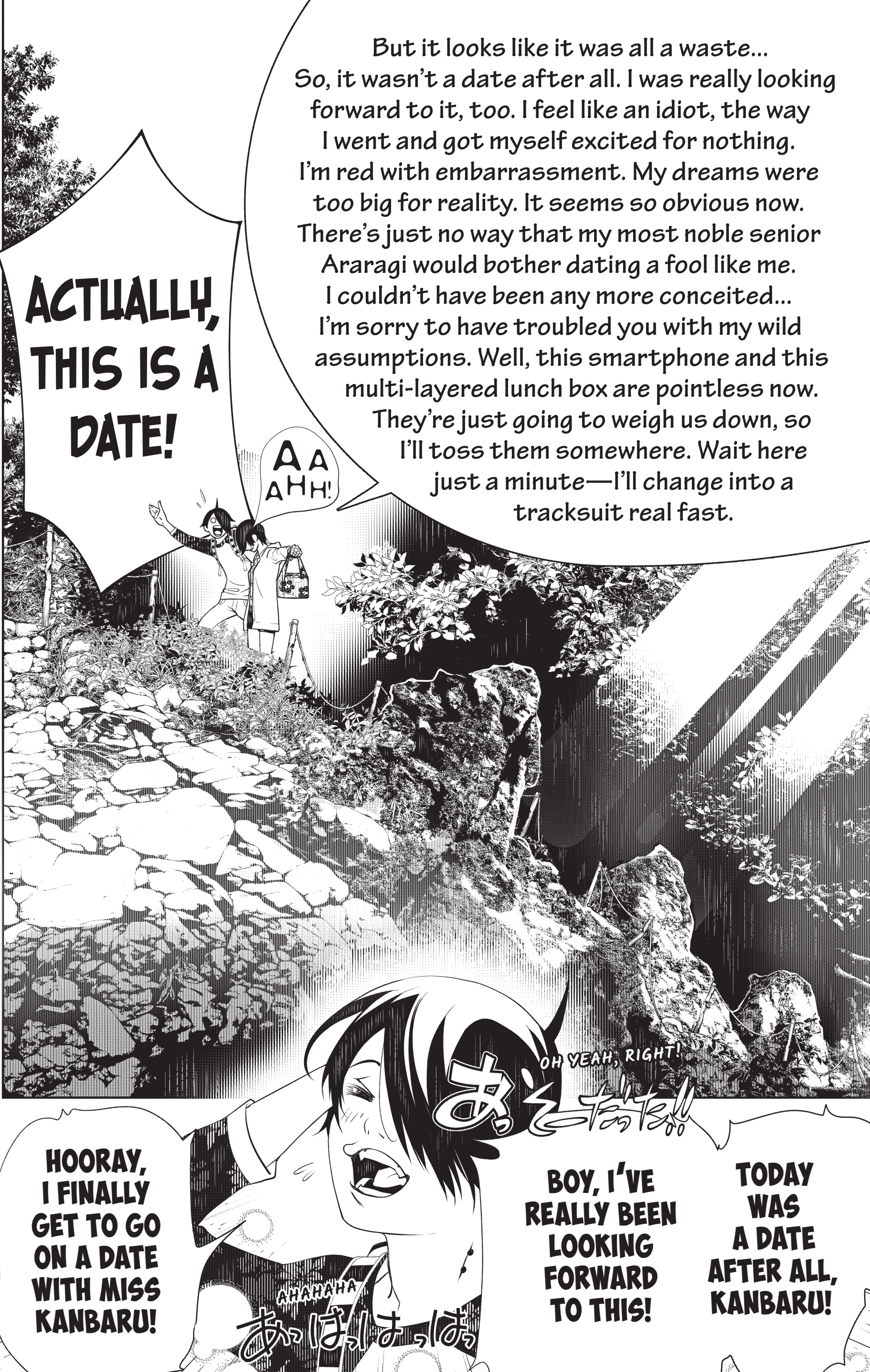
EVERYONE AROUND HERE MUST HAVE HEARD IT, THEN!
THAT'D MAKE IT AN EVEN BIGGER PROBLEM!
Hehe-heh.
Well, we'll just have to show them, in that case.
STOP MAKING IT SOUND LIKE WE'RE GOING OUT OR SOME-THING!
GRRCHT
...Now get off of me.
KREAK KREAK
I don't want to.
I read that you're supposed to hold hands when you're on a date.
GCHHT GCHHT
A DATE?!
WHEN DID I EVER SAY THIS WAS A DATE?
Hrm?

HAHAHAHA
Now that you mention it, maybe you never did.
I was so excited when you asked me to go somewhere with you that I didn't really listen to what you were saying.
...Oh.
I *did* notice you were mumbling your replies the whole time...
Still, I'm not sure how I feel about that.
Hmph
I don't know what to think about you going straight to the deed without even going on a date?
I worry about your future.
WE'RE NOT GOING TO DO ANY DEED, SO STOP WORRYING ABOUT ME!
Listen...
We're about to go up into the mountains.
We're going to a shrine up there.

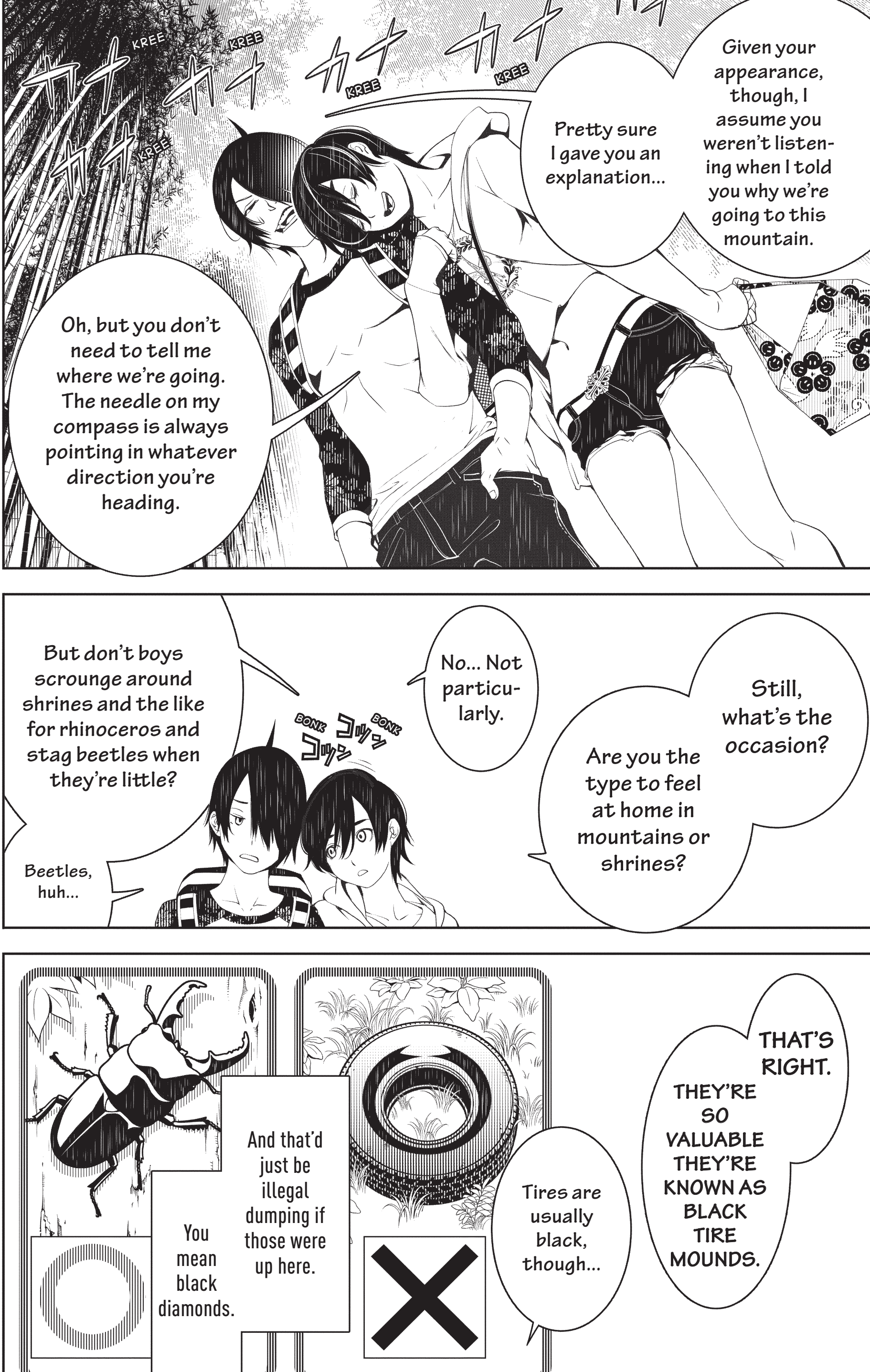
Well, it's just past here.
I see.
So, we'll be doing the deed in a shrine.
WE WILL NOT.

I like it— the depravity of it all.
You're the pervert I expected and more.
I'm not against getting freaky. I'm no prude myself, you know.
WERE YOU LISTENING TO ME?! WE'RE NOT DOING THAT!!
... In any case, this isn't a date...
Oh... So, it's not...
Ack!
I'd gotten myself so fired up for it because it'd be my first-ever heterosexual date...
...
I'll ignore the "hetero-sexual" part.
It's hard to come up with a good quip here.


In fact, I was so fired up...
...that I bought a smartphone for today, thus breaking a solemn vow that I'd held for my entire seventeen years of existence...
After all, it'd be awful if I got sep-arated from you during our date...
...*Ugh*. I feel guilty now!
I also woke up at four in the morning to make us lunch...
...in a multi-layered lunchbox.
HEFT
Even more guilt.
...So that's her move. Hand-made lunches...
Layers upon layers of guilt, just like that layered lunchbox...

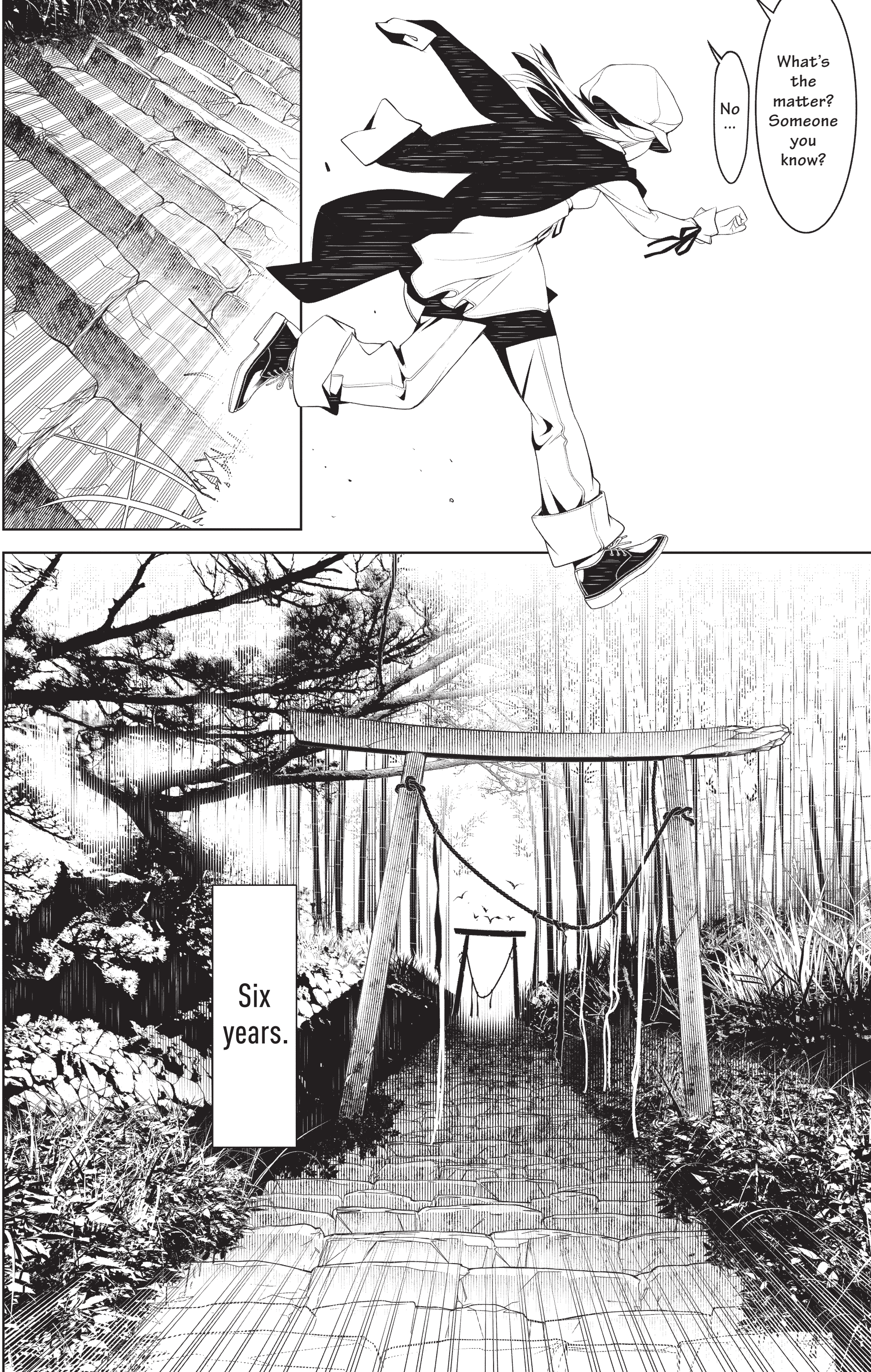

But it looks like it was all a waste... So, it wasn't a date after all. I was really looking forward to it, too. I feel like an idiot, the way I went and got myself excited for nothing. I'm red with embarrassment. My dreams were too big for reality. It seems so obvious now. There's just no way that my most noble senior Araragi would bother dating a fool like me. I couldn't have been any more conceited... I'm sorry to have troubled you with my wild assumptions. Well, this smartphone and this multi-layered lunch box are pointless now. They're just going to weigh us down, so I'll toss them somewhere. Wait here just a minute—I'll change into a tracksuit real fast.
ACTUALLY, THIS IS A DATE!
AAAHH!
OH YEAH, RIGHT!
あっそーだった!!
TODAY WAS A DATE AFTER ALL, KANBARU!
BOY, I'VE REALLY BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS!
HOORAY, I FINALLY GET TO GO ON A DATE WITH MISS KANBARU!
AHAHAHA
あっはっはっはっ

REALLY?
SHINE
Ack.
OH, MY SENIOR! MY SENIOR ARARAGIII!
I'M SO GLAD!
YOU'RE SO KIND!
BOING
BOING
KRAK
GHAAH.
Seriously, what is with this girl...?
She sure is cute, though.


KREE KREE KREE KREE KREE
Given your appearance, though, I assume you weren't listening when I told you why we're going to this mountain.
Pretty sure I gave you an explanation...
Oh, but you don't need to tell me where we're going. The needle on my compass is always pointing in whatever direction you're heading.
Still, what's the occasion?
Are you the type to feel at home in mountains or shrines?
No... Not particularly.
BONK BONK
But don't boys scrounge around shrines and the like for rhinoceros and stag beetles when they're little?
Beetles, huh...
THAT'S RIGHT.
THEY'RE SO VALUABLE THEY'RE KNOWN AS BLACK TIRE MOUNDS.
Tires are usually black, though...
And that'd just be illegal dumping if those were up here.
You mean black diamonds.

It's a job from Oshino.
Oh?
It seems like the shrine up here stopped being used a while back.
He said to go up to its main hall and stick a talisman on it to...

Hm?
TWITCH
FWAP
...!


What's the matter? Someone you know?
No ...
Six years.

That's more than enough time for a person to change.
Even if it were me...
If I were to encounter my grade-school self in the street all of a sudden, I doubt either of us would recognize the other.
So maybe these regrets don't have any meaning at all.
But still, if only I'd noticed Nadeko Sengoku a little sooner...

Then, per- haps
this tale wouldn't have ended the way it did.

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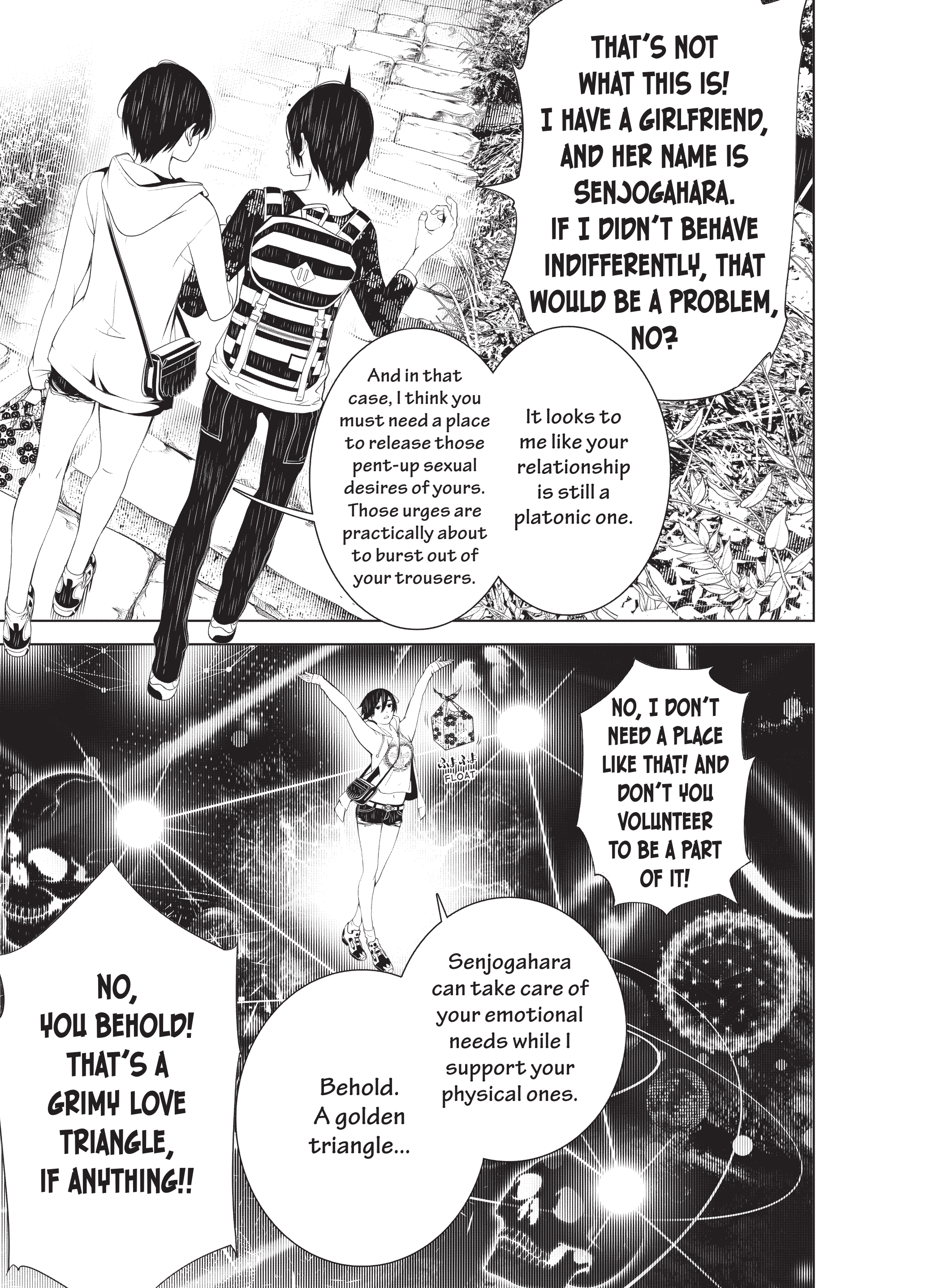
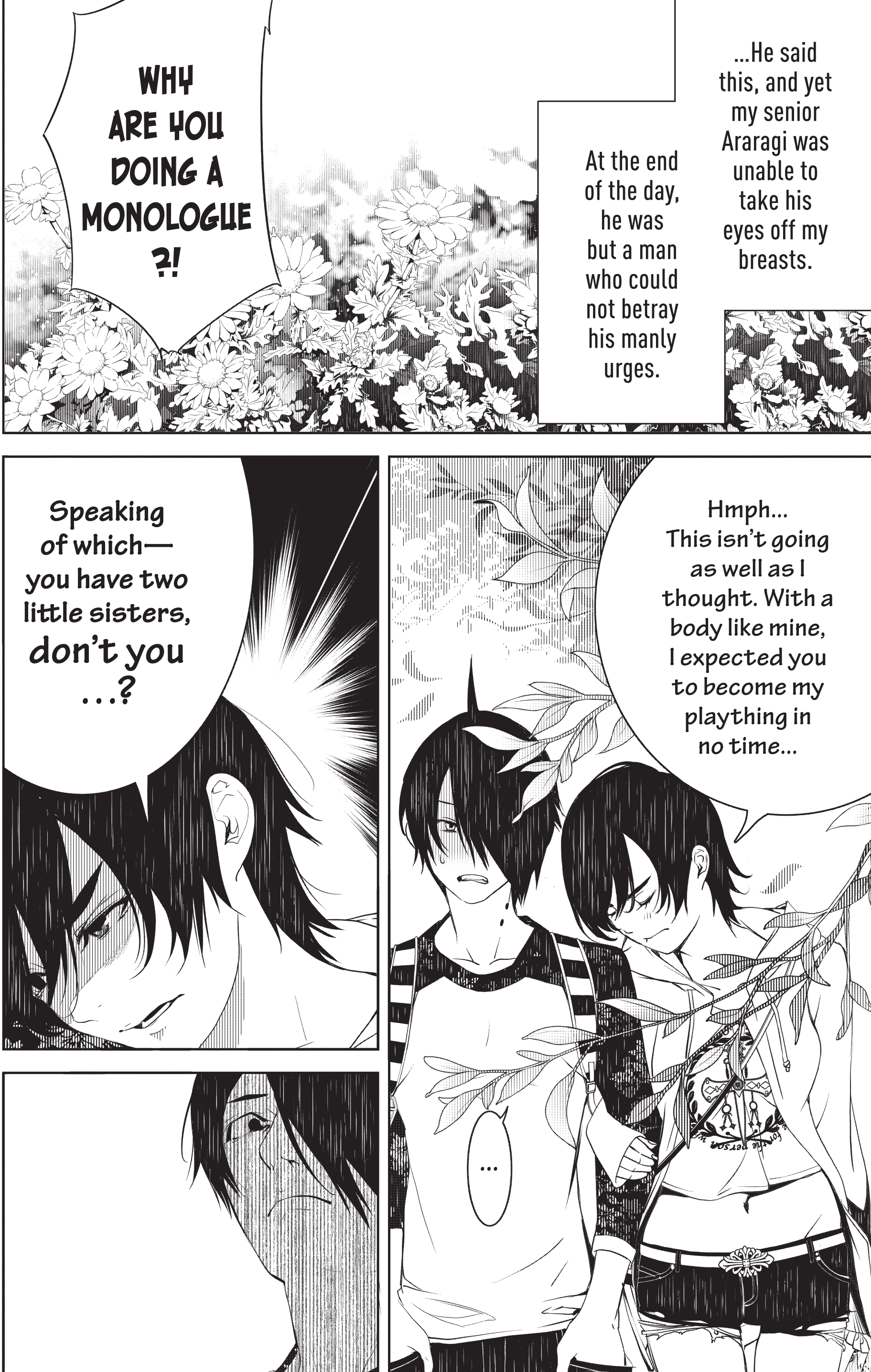
THP
THP
THP
THP
THP
...
TO PUT IT AS YOU WOULD,
"SHE'S GOT SOME PRETTY SHAPELY HIPS ON HER!"
As if I'd ever say something like that!

Still, that girl...
Have I seen her before ...?
I just can't tell...
Given her age... Maybe she has something to do with my youngest sister?
...Sister? Oh. So, you have a little sister. And more than one.
...
...Come on, let's go. I was wondering if maybe this was Oshino playing a prank on me,
but I can rule that out if someone came from up there.

Yes. But this also seems to rule out the possibility that you're the one tricking me by using a job from Mister Oshino as pretext to bring me into these isolated mountains, only to force upon me every lustful desire that dwells within your heart.
WHAT KIND OF THEORY IS THAT?! AND WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "PRETEXT"?!
YOU DON'T TRUST ME AT ALL, DO YOU?!
AND WAIT, WHY DO YOU LOOK SO DISAPPOINTED?!
What?
Hold on, is it really your intention to not do any deed with me?!
DON'T ACT SO SURPRISED!
I'll forgive you with a smile on my face, you know.
NOT ANOTHER WORD ABOUT HOW SEXUALLY FRUSTRATED YOU ARE!

ZSSHH
You can call it a mistake, I won't mind. I don't intend on pestering you afterwards.
You're already pestering me.
Oh. Well, in that case I'd likely quiet down quite a bit if you'd just relieve these frustrations of mine.
That's the easiest way to calm an animal in heat, is it not?
I have to say this is the first time I've ever met someone calling herself an animal in heat...
I'm going on ahead.
I see.
Ignoring me, eh?
AND YOU CAN GO HOME!
So cold to my advances. Or maybe just indifferent.
Being treated like air is going to make me lose confidence in my feminine charms, you know.


THAT'S NOT WHAT THIS IS! I HAVE A GIRLFRIEND, AND HER NAME IS SENJOGAHARA. IF I DIDN'T BEHAVE INDIFFERENTLY, THAT WOULD BE A PROBLEM, NO?
It looks to me like your relationship is still a platonic one.
And in that case, I think you must need a place to release those pent-up sexual desires of yours. Those urges are practically about to burst out of your trousers.
NO, I DON'T NEED A PLACE LIKE THAT! AND DON'T YOU VOLUNTEER TO BE A PART OF IT!
FLOAT
Senjogahara can take care of your emotional needs while I support your physical ones.
Behold. A golden triangle...
NO, YOU BEHOLD! THAT'S A GRIMY LOVE TRIANGLE, IF ANYTHING!!


...He said this, and yet my senior Araragi was unable to take his eyes off my breasts.
At the end of the day, he was but a man who could not betray his manly urges.
WHY ARE YOU DOING A MONOLOGUE ?!
Hmph... This isn't going as well as I thought. With a body like mine, I expected you to become my plaything in no time...
...
Speaking of which— you have two little sisters, don't you ...?

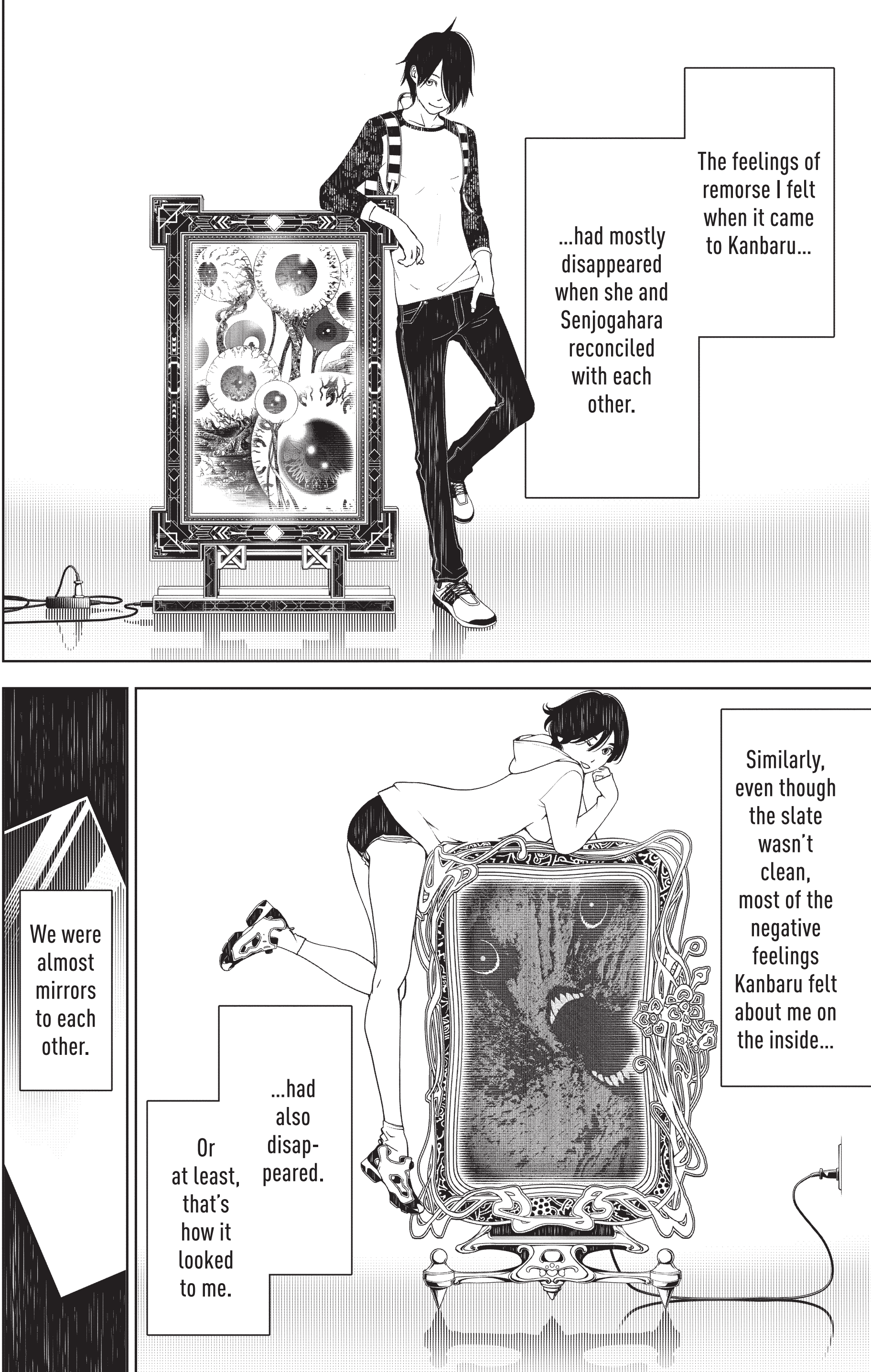
Heh.
Heh heh heh. So, tell me...
Are they anything like you?
Oh, no...
HEY! YOU'D BETTER NOT BE GETTING ANY FUNNY IDEAS!!
TWITCH
ZSSHH
...!
Damn you... A veiled threat?
I'm confident I can seduce any girl younger than me in under ten seconds.
But there's no reason for me to ever do such a thing— as long as you and I stay close...
Not only is she the biggest star on campus,
she's also a nympho with a thing for girls ...!!
A threat? Oh my...
What a grating accusation.

Such shocking words from a revered senior might cause me to panic and, well, who knows what I'd do?
Don't you think ...
...your attitude toward me ought to be a little different, my senior Araragi?
Guh...
Gah...
Ah, my chest feels a little stiff.
I wonder if I could find someone to give it a massage.
HOW DO I NOT COME OUT AHEAD IN THAT DEAL?!
Victory is always possible for the person who refus
to stop fighting.

Okay, joking aside—
Keep your jokes shorter!
We're going to stick a talisman on the shrine up there?
That's it, right?
Couldn't Mister Oshino have just gone and done this on his own?
SQUISH
He basically has nothing better to do, right?
HEY! DON'T USE MY ARM AS A CHEST-MASSAGER!!
Please, Kanbaru... Every time you do something, I start to fear for the safety of my very important parts...
ちょき SNIP
ちょき SNIP
Really? But my senior Senjogahara told me to have you pamper me...

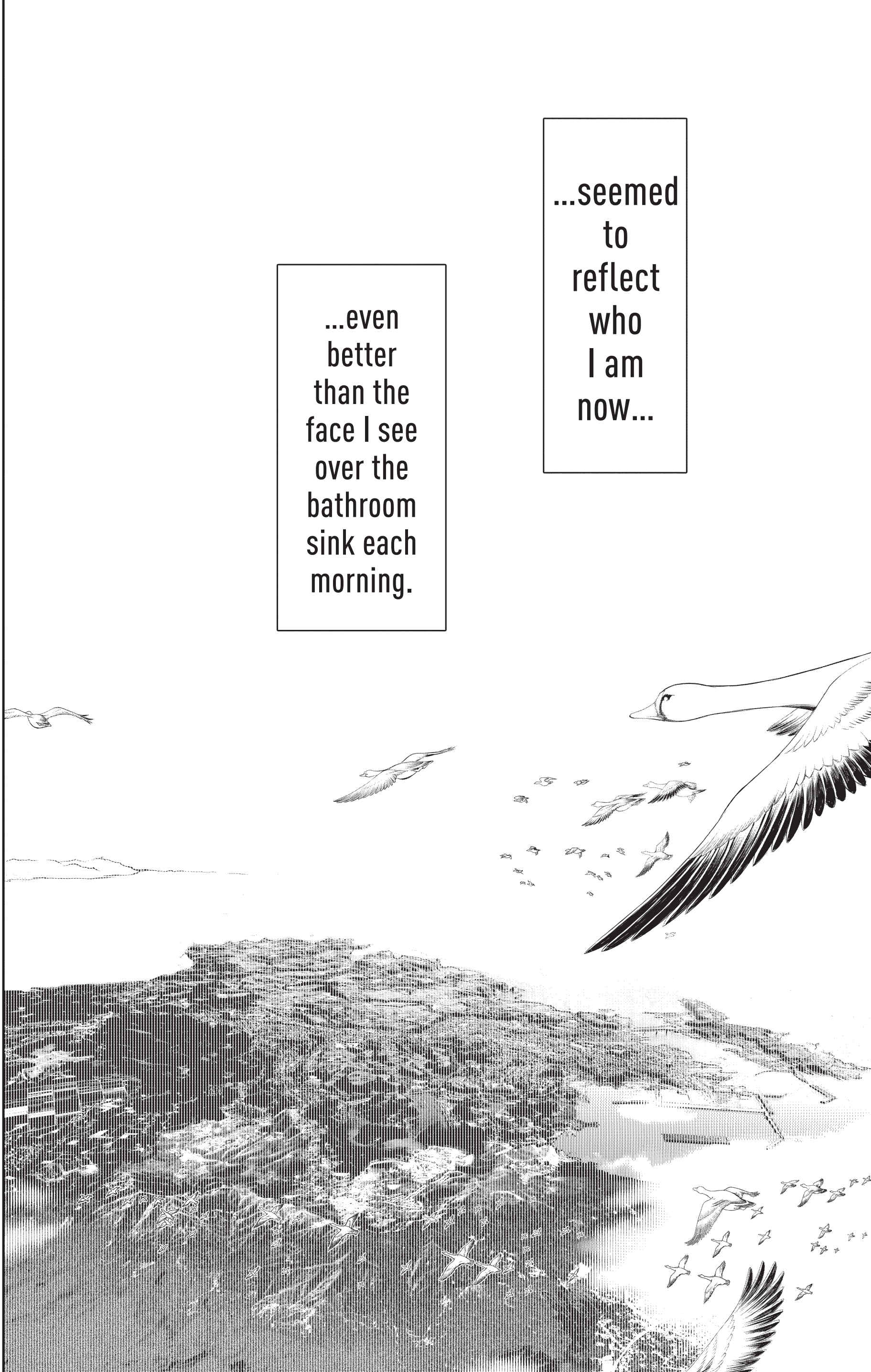
Listen, despite the way things look, Oshino's a real professional.
He's not so kind that he'd lend you a hand pro bono.
You're indebted to him, and you need to work to pay it off.
Hm.
THMP
So, he lent me a hand, and now I'm in his debt.
Can't argue with that.

What is lent must be repaid.
What is given must be re-ceived.
crown
Equivalent exchange.



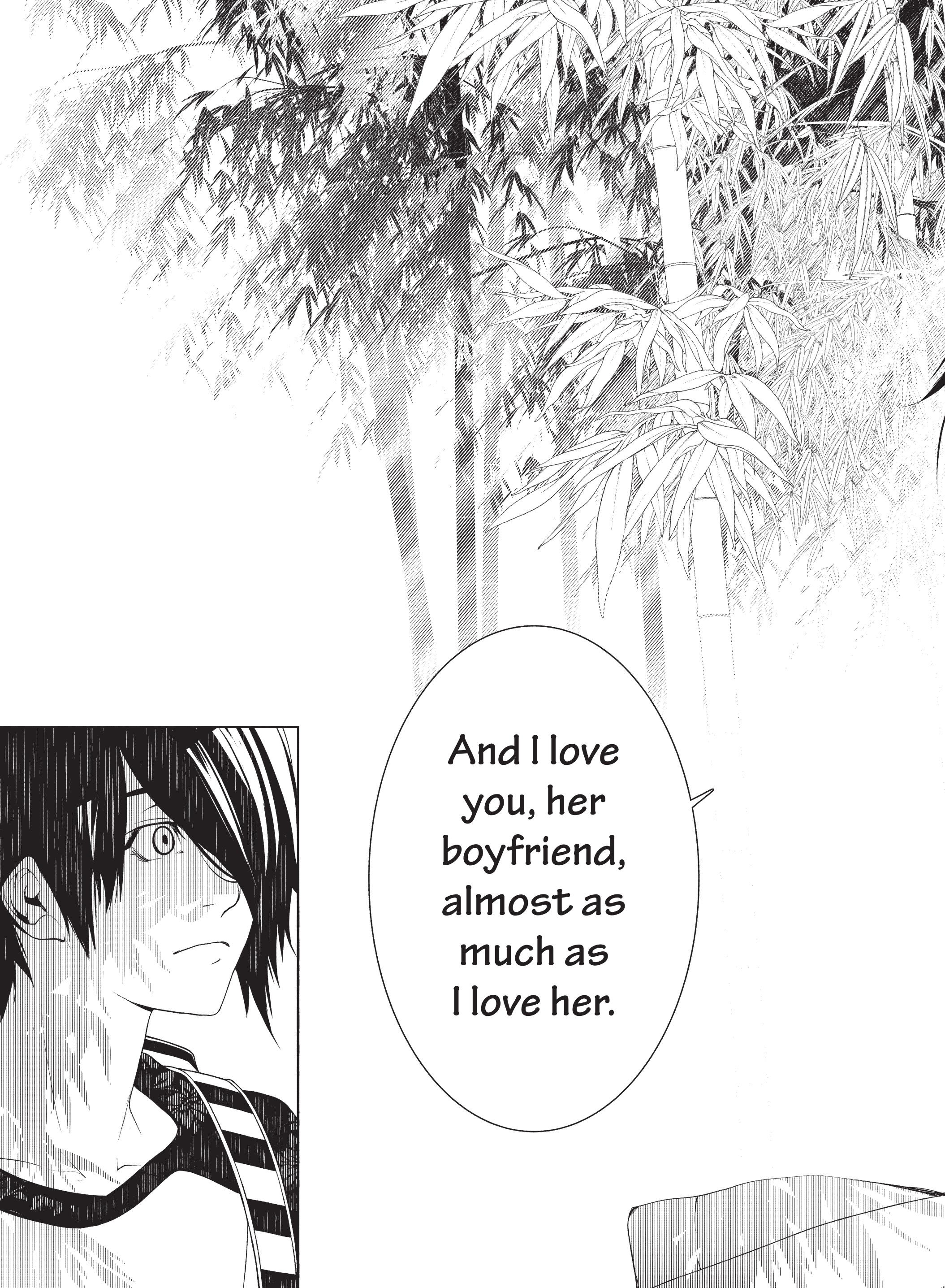
The feelings of remorse I felt when it came to Kanbaru...
...had mostly disappeared when she and Senjogahara reconciled with each other.
Similarly, even though the slate wasn't clean, most of the negative feelings Kanbaru felt about me on the inside...
...had also disap-peared.
Or at least, that's how it looked to me.
We were almost mirrors to each other.

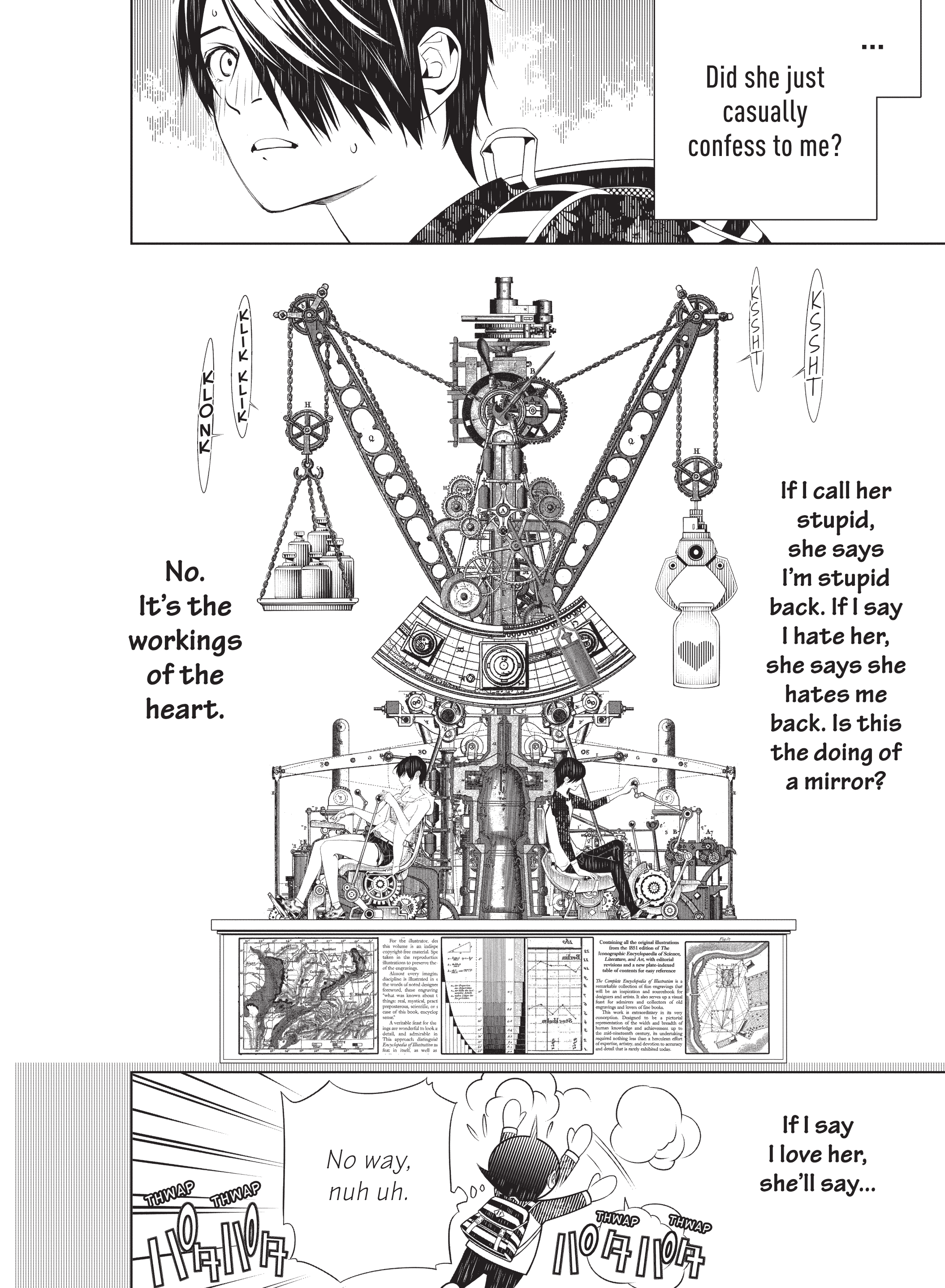
And the mirror I saw...

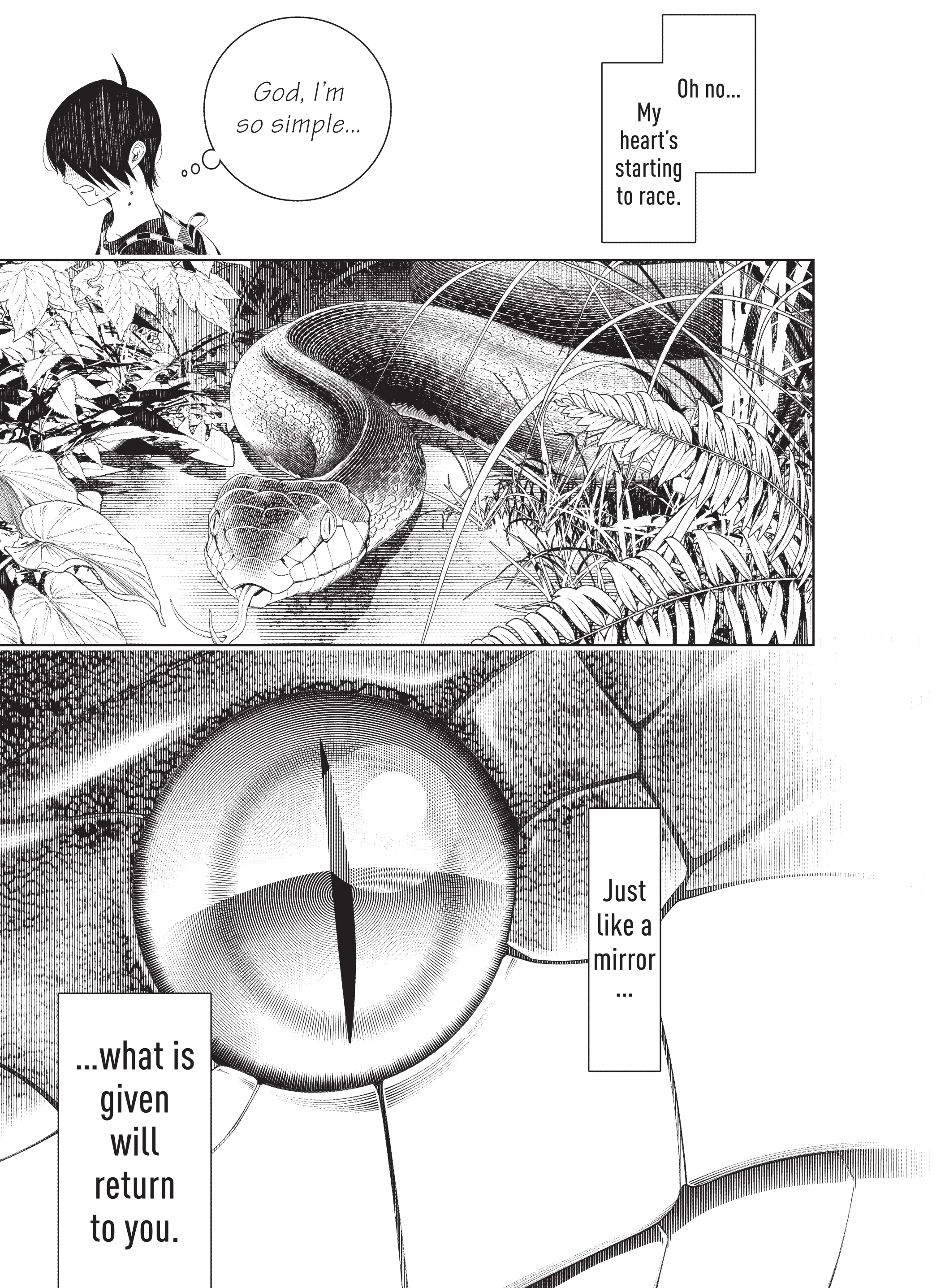

...seemed to reflect who I am now...
...even better than the face I see over the bathroom sink each morning.

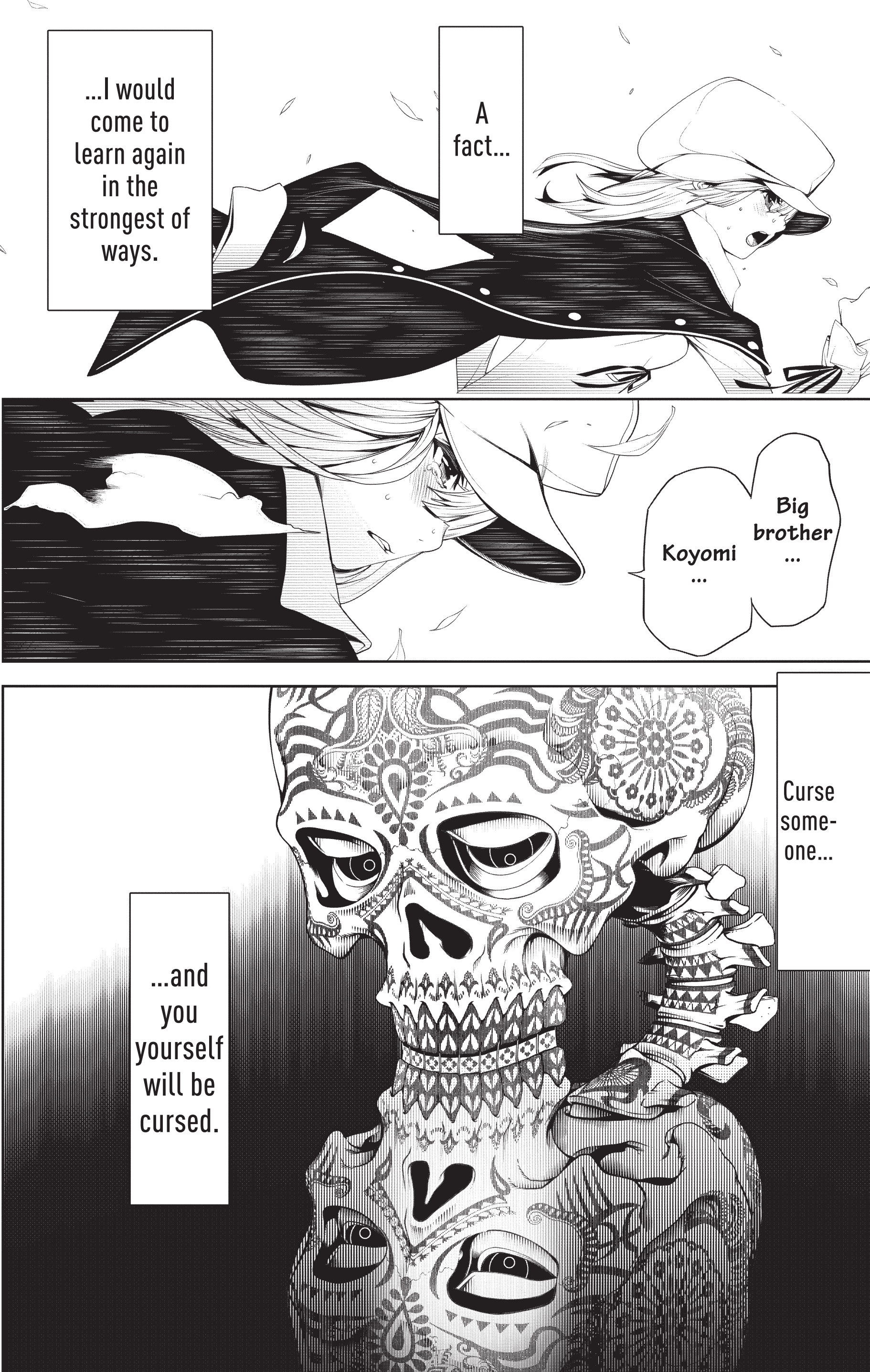
—Wait a sec!!
Aren't you supposed to be my romantic rival?!
OH! NOW I GET IT, KANBARU!
THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE DOING HERE!!
Hrm?
THIS IS HOW YOU'RE TRYING TO DRIVE A WEDGE BETWEEN ME AND SENJO-GAHARA!
YOU'RE USING YOUR BODY TO SABOTAGE ME!!
SO, YOU FIGURED IT OUT.
TEE-HEE
"TEE-HEE"?! DON'T GIVE ME THAT, YOU LOVABLE SCOUN-DREL!

But right now, it's like I'm in love with her even as she's going out with you.


And I love you, her boyfriend, almost as much as I love her.


...
Did she just casually confess to me?
KLONK
KLIK KLIK
KSSHT
KSSHT
No. It's the workings of the heart.
If I call her stupid, she says I'm stupid back. If I say I hate her, she says she hates me back. Is this the doing of a mirror?
THWAP THWAP
パタパタ
No way, nuh uh.
THWAP THWAP
パタパタ
If I say I love her, she'll say...


Oh no... My heart's starting to race.
God, I'm so simple...
Just like a mirror ...
...what is given will return to you.


A fact...
...I would come to learn again in the strongest of ways.
Big brother...
Koyomi...
Curse someone...
...and you yourself will be cursed.

B A K E

M O N O

G A T A R I

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THOK

Ah!

THWUSH
Oww ...
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
PANT
PANT
PANT
Wh-Why...? Why is he here...?
What should I do... He... He might see it!!
Big brother Koyomi ...

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No... But it was only for a moment...
Maybe it was someone else...
...
SHIVER
!!

Ugh!
TWITCH
TWITCH
Ah ...!
Ah!
Ah!
Aah !!

SKREEEE
hh!!
Aa
a
aa
ah
No!
No
...!
ZZZZT

RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
TWITCH
TWITCH
ZSSHH
ZSSHH
Haah!
Haah!
Haah!

SKREEEE
N...
Need to...
Go home...
Ah!
TUG
THUD
Ah!
Ah!
Sto—
Ah!
Save me ...
Big brother Koyomi ...
ZZT
ZZT
ZZT

By the way, Kanbaru.
I've been meaning to say this for a while now, but could you stop calling me your senior?
Why?! Aren't you my senior, my senior Araragi?!
Well, aren't there a lot of other things you could call me?
Like my senior Kesennuma?
Don't change my name.
No, the other part.
Who's Kesennuma, anyway?

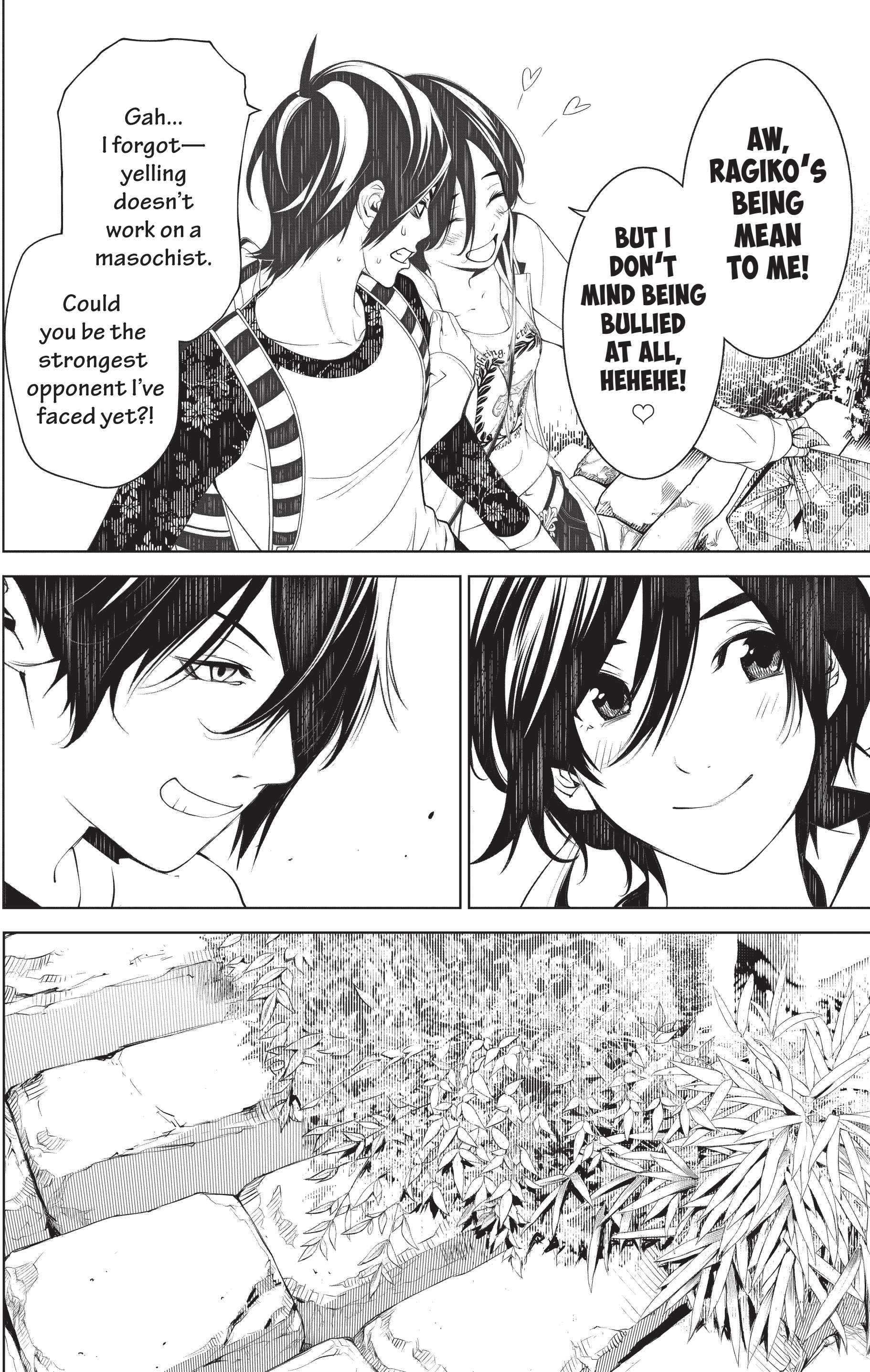
Giving me any sort of title feels so stiff and formal, doesn't it?
I want us to be on more equal footing.
Actually, I'm not sure if I'd match up to a school celebrity like you—but still.
Oh, don't be ridiculous. Nothing could ever make me happier than being with you like this. Getting to know you makes me nearly as happy as reconciling with my other esteemed senior, Senjogahara. If there's anything about you that I'm dissatisfied with, it's that I didn't meet you sooner in life.
I... I see...
But if it's what you really want...
I suppose I could refer to you in a somewhat more intimate way.
Sure, call me whatever you want.

ALL RIGHT...
KOYOMI.
...
...
...
...Only my family calls me that...
And you can call me Suruga, Koyomi.
WHY DO YOU KEEP GOING ON LIKE WE'RE AN ITEM?!

HAVING A GIRL CALL YOU BY YOUR FIRST NAME IS SUPPOSED TO BE A MILESTONE EVENT IN A MAN'S LIFE, ISN'T IT?!
EVEN SENJOGAHARA STILL CALLS ME ARARAGI, YOU KNOW!
Hahaha! Oh, you.
I'm doing it on purpose. You know that was supposed to be a joke, Koyomi.
WHY ARE YOU STILL CALLING ME THAT, THEN?!
Koyomi
THE "DASHING KNIGHT OF LIGHTNING," KOYOMI.
MY GRAND-FATHER GAVE ME THIS NAME, OKAY? DON'T GO STICKING SOME WEIRD SLOGAN ON IT!!
THE "LAST HERO OF OUR CENTURY," KOYOMI.
CENTURY? ISN'T THAT A LITTLE PREMA-TURE?!
AND THAT'S LIKE, TWICE AS LONG AS MY FULL NAME, ANYWAY!

Hahaha! Well, I can't bring myself to refer to someone older than me without a title.
In that case, why don't we try a nickname?
A nick... name...?!
Well... What were you thinking?
...
...
Ragi.
THAT'S A LOT COOLER THAN I THOUGHT IT'D BE!
TOO COOL, IN FACT!!

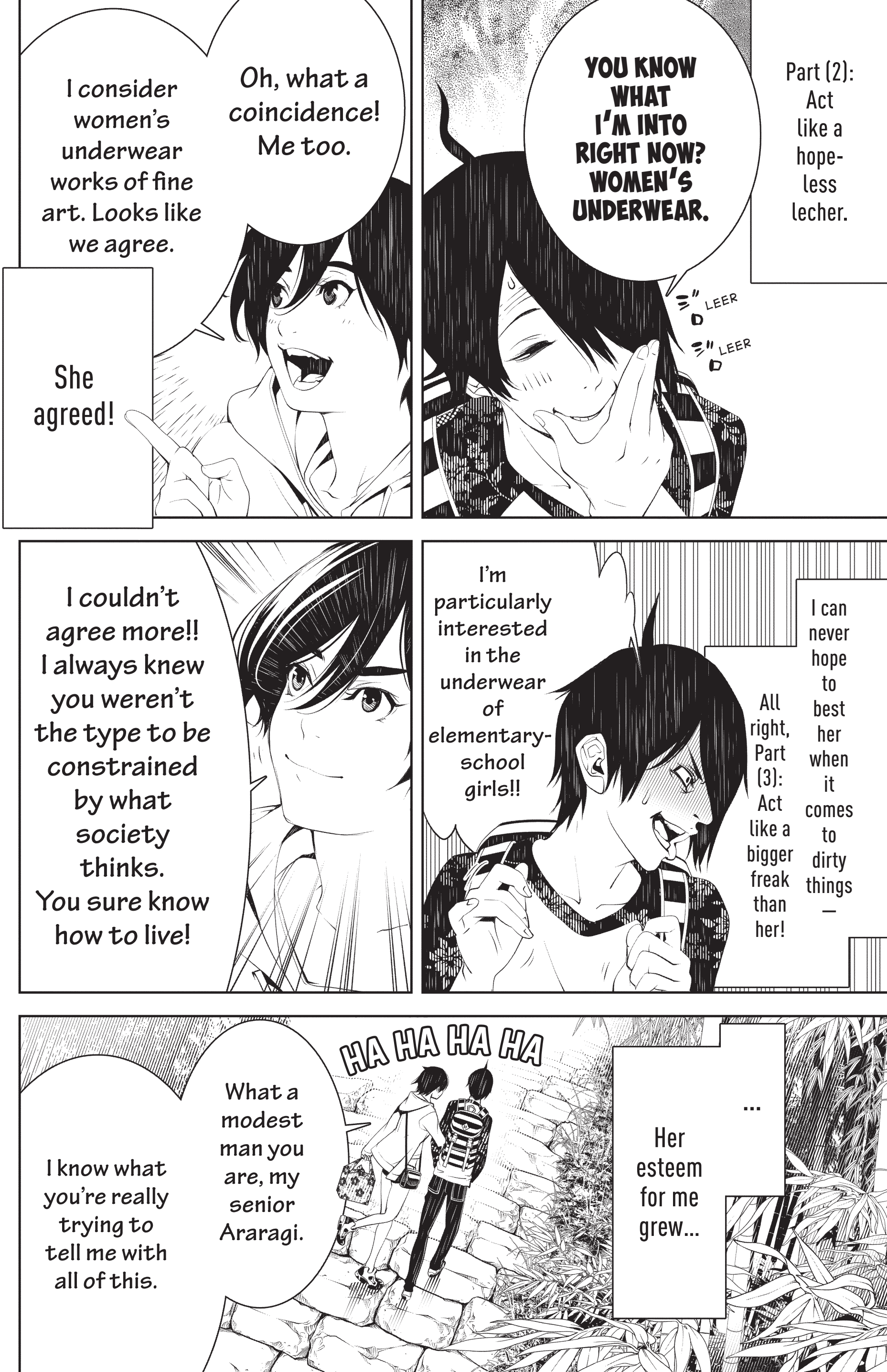
I almost feel like you'd be making fun of me every time you used it...
So I gathered... But it seems a little too cool...
Ragi
Koyomi Ara[ragi]
(Proper noun)
Koyomi Araragi. A person's name. Third-year student at Naoetsu High. Has two little sisters.
I took the last half of "Araragi" to come up with it.
With what?
HRMM
You have a point. Then why don't we take a little from both of your names and go with...
Ragiko.
[Ko] yo- mi Ara [ragi]
NOW YOU'RE OBVI- OUSLY MAKING FUN OF ME!!
I DON'T NEED YOU HERE!!
GO HOME !!
Don't be shy, li'l Ragiko.


AW, RAGIKO'S BEING MEAN TO ME!
BUT I DON'T MIND BEING BULLIED AT ALL, HEHEHE! ♡
Gah... I forgot—yelling doesn't work on a masochist.
Could you be the strongest opponent I've faced yet?!

It was a fun conver-sation.
Maybe a little *too* fun.
I feel...
...the same way, Kanbaru.
If only I'd met you a little earlier. Maybe—

Even if I did snip it off, you'd grow it right back, wouldn't you?
ちょきん
SNIP
What? No, I'm not blaming you for this. I'm just removing the root cause of your infidelity.
Don't worry. Every day I'll lovingly chop it off in lieu of a good morning kiss.
ちょき
SNIP

GUH?!
I can't stop imagining these scenes!!!
IS IT TELEPATHY?!
What's wrong, my senior Araragi?
...That's right. Knowing her, she really might go that far!! That's the kind of woman she is...
Oh, no... Maybe I should put some distance between myself and Kanbaru after all...
Okay!!
Part (1) of the plan to get Kanbaru to hate me...
Kanbaru. Sorry, but I forgot my wallet.
Lemme borrow some money.
Act like a freeloader.
ZWIP
Okay, sure. Is 30,000 yen enough?
She was rich!!



Part (2): Act like a hopeless lecher.
YOU KNOW WHAT I'M INTO RIGHT NOW? WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR.
LEER
LEER
Oh, what a coincidence! Me too.
I consider women's underwear works of fine art. Looks like we agree.
She agreed!
I can never hope to best her when it comes to dirty things—
All right, Part (3): Act like a bigger freak than her!
I'm particularly interested in the underwear of elementary-school girls!!
I couldn't agree more!! I always knew you weren't the type to be constrained by what society thinks. You sure know how to live!
...
Her esteem for me grew...
HA HA HA HA
What a modest man you are, my senior Araragi.
I know what you're really trying to tell me with all of this.

Why don't the two of us just kill that nuisance of a woman and bury her in the mountains?
I WASN'T TELLING YOU THAT AT ALL!!
EEEEE
EEEEE
EEEEE
...
What's wrong, Kanbaru ?

I guess I feel... a little tired...
Tired?
Kanbaru? Tired?
EEEEE
EEE
KRAK
KRAK
KRAK
KRAKL
GRRRCH

化 *bake*

物 *mono*

語 *gatari*

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NADEKOsnake

化 bake

物 mono

NADEKOsnake

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語 gatari

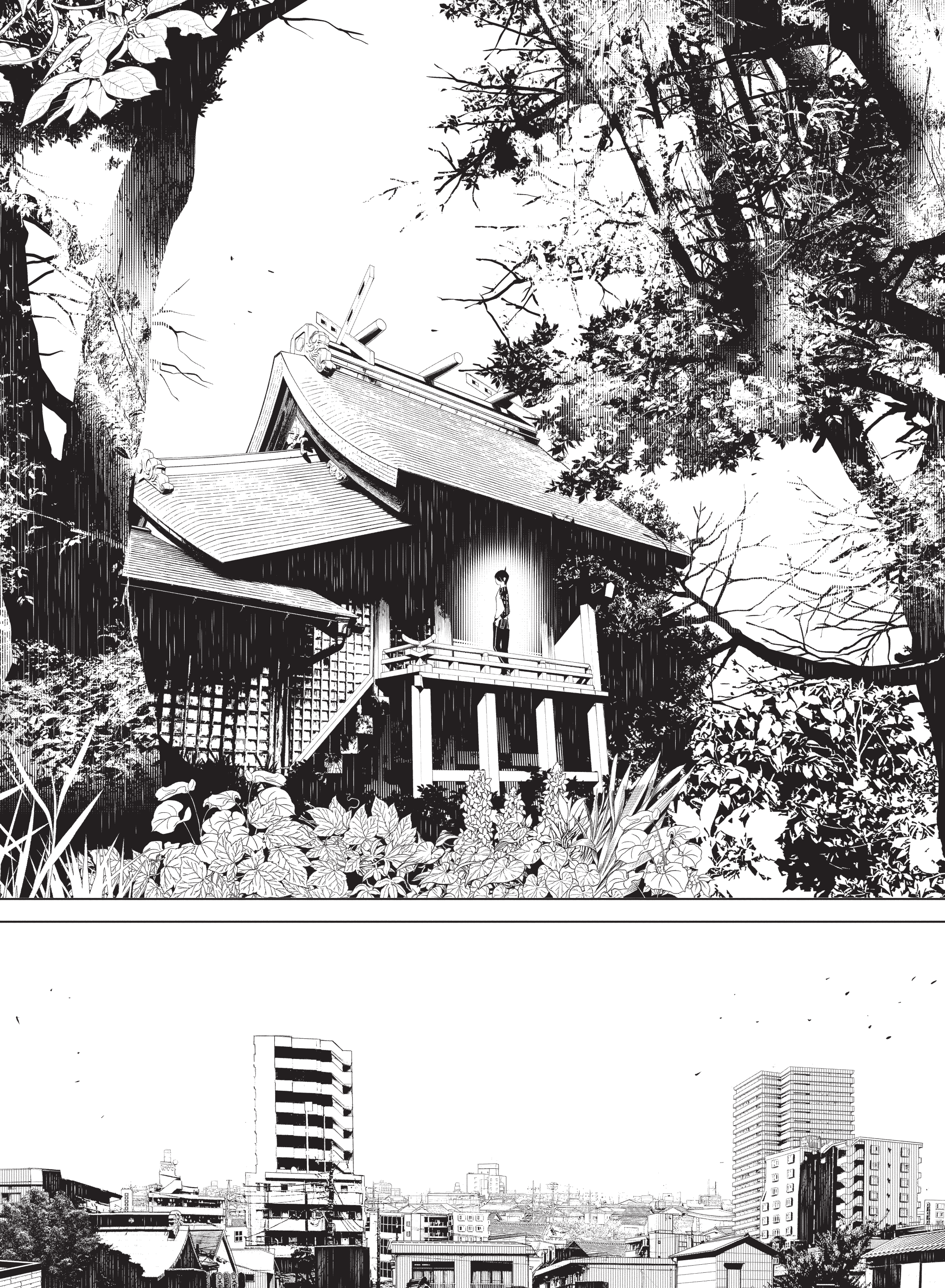
She seriously doesn't look well.
Hey, Kanbaru. Are you okay?
Why don't we have lunch, my senior Araragi?
Lunch?
Yes... It might be an impolite request and a breach of etiquette for a junior to suggest that we eat...
...but when I don't feel well, it usually helps to fill my stomach with food.
...

Okay, then.
Why don't I take care of this job real quick...
...while you find a place where we can enjoy the lunch you made?
Okay.
I'd appreciate that.
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
Is that it?

Umm ...
When Oshino gave this talisman to me... I'm pretty sure he said...
Listen, Araragi ...
Formality isn't important here.
Most formalities are performances that people make up for their own sake.
It's all politics, whether it's a priest or a politician up there. They're all trying to make themselves look more important with as much gravitas as possible.
What's important is the order of things.
That you can't get wrong.
That's how things are assem-bled, after all.
You don't put up a roof before you put down pillars, do you? Same thing.

East-ward...
Facing the direction of the morning sun when it rises during the winter solstice.
That's where you'll put it.
So, this way.
354 North
Take rice-porridge paste... and apply it liberally to the talisman...
Rice is an important thing to humans, right?
In other words, this is a way to pay respect to the gods. It doesn't matter what you use so long as you're paying respect, whether it's super glue or kraft tape.
Oh—but, Araragi.

Don't use anything that opens up holes, okay? Like tacks or nails.
Opening a hole has two meanings, you see.
Letting things out.
And...
letting things in.
SPP
PTT
KLAP
KLAP

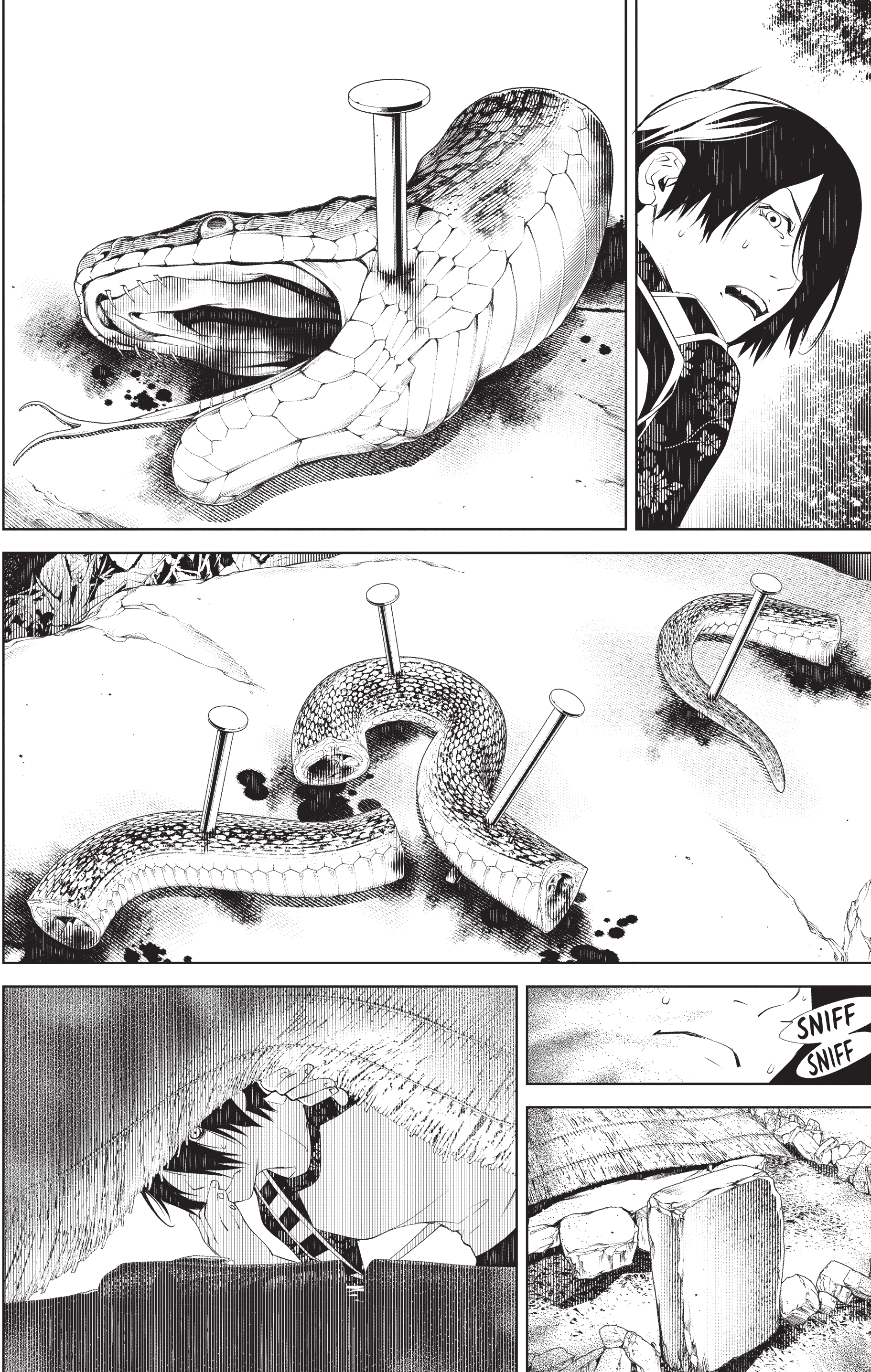


And then he said...nothing in particular would happen.
Hey, Kanbaru.
I'm done.
Kanbaru-uu!!
WAIT A SECOND, I NEVER GOT HER NUMBER!!
THERE'S NO POINT IN HER HAVING THAT PHONE!!

Ka
n
ba
ru-uu!
Hey, Kan-baru!
Knock knock? You there?!
Oh, what's this? Girl's under-wear? In a place like this?!
...Like that would really make her come out.
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
Heeey!
Wait... Hold on.
KAN-BA-RU!
Did she really get lost in these moun-tains?! That's no joking matter.
HEEEY!
KAN-BARU!
KRSH
KRSH
KRSH

ZSSH
Whoa!
ZSSHH
Kan-ba—
Ru?!
HYANGH♡
GRAB
PANT
PANT
PANT
DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT! AND DON'T MAKE FUNNY NOISES LIKE THAT, EITHER!!
I'm sorry... I was just so surprised... You suddenly grabbed my flesh, after all.
DON'T CALL IT YOUR FLESH! IT'S YOUR SHOULDER!!

Allow me to make up for my faux pas with my body. I might pretend to resist a little, but it's all a performance to make the scene more exciting, okay?
Well, seems like you're doing fine.
...I... don't know about that. Look over there.
URK


SNIFF
SNIFF

My senior.
No, not *that*. Over there.

ACK
EXAGGERATOR
MOUSEY
DON'T OWE YOU
SO MAD!
UGLY
ANNOYING
TWEE
USED
DIE
CONCENTRATED POISON
SUPER UGLY
AND STRESSES US OUT
UG
FUJOSHI
BITCH
IDIOT
EMBARRASSING PAST
STUPID
STUPID
TRASH
IDIOT
FUNNY
USELESS
UGLY
TALK NORMAL
IDIOT
UGLY
LIAR
STUPID
STRESSES ME OUT
GROSS
WON'T SHUT UP
I'M GONNA STAB YOU
IDIOT
UGLY
SUPER UGLY
STINKY
IDIOT
LIAR
GROSS
STOP TALKING
CREEPY
NO FRIENDS
SLUT
SHRIMP
LAME
FOOL
CREEPY
LOL
LAME
NEGAT
AWFUL

...
Holes
...
Huh?

Holes...
They've been opened up...
...?
DIE
IDIOT
SLUT
STINKY FEET
LIAR
TOTAL IDIOT
TRASH
IDIOT
GARBAGE WOMAN
PIECE OF SHIT
UGLY
Weirdo!
TWEE
And then, I suddenly remembered her name.
That girl's name.

NADE
KO
SEN
GOKU
BOOKS / MAGAZINES
NAOETSU BOOKS
COIN LAUNDRY

Um. That's...
Kita-Shirahebi Shrine—right?
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CENTER TEST FOR UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS
BOING
...
You really do know everything, Hanekawa.
I don't know everything.
I just know what I know.
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